

Big tech firms had e-waste centres but only on paper, many addresses fake: Delhi probe

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

RETIRED CIVIL service officer P K Seth has lived at his Lajpat Nagar home for 67 years. So he was naturally surprised when asked if an electronic waste collection centre had been running from the premises.

The reason: in a list of e-waste collection centres sent to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) earlier this year, Seth's

house was listed as one such centre meant to collect e-waste from multinational technology firm Vivo.

"I have been living here since 1952 and there is no way waste recycling or collection could happen here," Seth, 74, said.

The Indian Express has learnt that when the DPCC inspected 43 out of a list of 80 centres sent to them by the CPCB, at least 20 e-waste collection centres of multinational giants, including Samsung, HP, Canon and Vivo, were found either untraceable or non-existent. The inspection



Plot in Mohan Cooperative Industrial Area in South Delhi listed as an e-waste centre by Vivo. It was found to house a pathology lab and a healthcare research firm. Shivam Patel

was carried out over May and June this year.

The non-existent or untraceable centres were part of an e-waste management plan submitted by electronics giants to the CPCB.

The Indian Express accessed a list of 10 such collection centres, of which only one could be found at its stated address.

"They either had incomplete addresses or were listed in residential areas where they could not exist and were simply untraceable. We have informed the

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Women get more Mudra jobs than men — but only in smallest loan group

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WOMEN HAVE comprehensively edged out men by cornering 68.92 lakh extra jobs (56.3%) of the total 1.12 crore additional employment generated using Mudra loans disbursed during 33 months between April 2015 and December 2017. But over 90% of these come on account of Shishu loans which has the smallest ticket size of up to Rs 50,000, according to the Draft Report of Mudra Survey reviewed by The Indian Express.

In the Kishor (Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh) and Tarun (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh) loan categories, additional jobs going to women drops precipitously. Women account for just 5.88 lakh new jobs which is merely 5.2% of total additional employment. Men have bagged 32.2 lakh or 28.7% extra jobs from loans under these two loan categories.

Additional employment of male workers in the Kishor loans

ESTIMATED INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT AFTER AVAILING MUDRA LOAN

(in lakhs)		
TYPE OF LOAN	MALE	FEMALE
Shishu	10.87 (9.7%)	63.04 (56.3%)
Kishor	16.59 (14.8%)	4.52 (4.0%)
Tarun	15.61 (13.9%)	1.36 (1.2%)
Total	43.08 (38.5%)	68.92 (61.5%)

*% of total additional employment
Shishu: loans up to Rs 50,000;
Kishor: Rs 50,000 – Rs 5 lakh;
Tarun: Rs 5 lakh – Rs 10 lakh

category was nearly four times that of female workers added in that category. The gap between additional employment of male and female workers widens

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'UPGRADE DEGRADED LAND'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves at the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, in Greater Noida on Monday. AP REPORT, PAGE 8

Son denied deal, contractor hired men to assault SAIL chief: Police

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

A MONTH after Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) chairman Anil Kumar Chaudhary was assaulted by armed men in what appeared to be a case of road rage, the Delhi police have established that it was, in fact, a premeditated attack over a deal

not going through.

The special task force of the Crime Branch has arrested a 62-year-old private contractor, Ashok Kumar Singh, for allegedly hiring the men to attack Chaudhary. Sources at SAIL said Chaudhary rejected poor quality coking coal, sourced from the US, supplied by a Sharjah-based company owned by Singh's son.

Two men, Lalit and Amarjeet, were arrested from the spot on

August 8 when four police personnel came to Chaudhary's aid during the assault. Police later arrested two more accused, Omparkash and Praveesh, who had fled.

On August 23, the case was transferred to the Crime Branch, which arrested Sunil Balhara, a property dealer, and his brother-in-law Satendra Kadyan, who allegedly hired the four criminals.

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Chinmayanand raped, assaulted me for a year: Law student

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 9

THE SHAHJAHANPUR law student, who had accused BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand of harassment, on Monday alleged that the former Union Minister had raped her and sexually assaulted her for a year.

Addressing a press conference in Shahjahanpur, her face covered with a black scarf, she also alleged that the police in

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Police chargesheet drops murder charge against 11 accused in Tabrez killing

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 9

JHARKHAND POLICE have dropped the murder charge under IPC Section 302 in their chargesheet filed against 11 accused in the death of 22-year-old Tabrez Ansari who was attacked by a mob that accused him of theft in Saraikela-Kharsawan nearly four months ago.

Citing the "final post-mortem report" that Ansari died of "cardiac arrest", and stating that it



Was attacked by a mob on June 18

was "not a case of pre-meditated murder", police filed the chargesheet last month under Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder). Police had earlier invoked the murder charge in the FIR filed on a

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CMs RAISE CONCERNS

Govt will pass Citizenship Bill, won't affect N-E laws: Shah

'No illegal migrant will be allowed... will take all N-E states into confidence'

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 9

UNDERSCORING THAT his government will bring back and pass the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill (CAB), Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Monday that Constitutional safeguards to states and communities in North Eastern states will not be overridden by the CAB, as he sought to reassure North East Chief Ministers.

Addressing the fourth conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) — a BJP-led alliance of regional parties in the region — Shah sought to reassure concerns of allies after the National Register of Citizens (NRC) was published in Assam last month.

This was also Shah's first visit to Assam after the final NRC was published on August 31. The Chief Ministers of eight North Eastern states, including Sikkim, attended the meet.

Shah said there were two concerns: first, in Assam that many genuine people have been left out of the NRC and second, that those excluded should not enter

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EXPLAINED

Why CAB hits raw nerve

THE CITIZENSHIP (Amendment) Bill aims to grant citizenship to immigrants of six non-Muslim faiths from three countries under relaxed norms. Large sections of society in the N-E have said the Bill is a "threat" to indigenous communities.

UN human rights body concerned over NRC, Kashmir

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE UNITED Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on Monday said the National Register of Citizens (NRC) exercise in Assam has caused "great uncertainty and anxiety". She also expressed "deep concern" at the communication shut-down and detention of political leadership in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and urged the Indian government to ensure that human rights are respected and protected.

In her opening statement at the 42nd session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Bachelet said, "The recent National Register of Citizens verification process in the North-East Indian state of Assam has caused great uncertainty and anxiety, with some 1.9 million people excluded from the final list published on August 31. I appeal to the government to ensure due process during the appeals process, prevent deportation or detention, and ensure people are protected from statelessness."

In relation to Kashmir, she said, "My office continues to receive reports on the human rights situation on both sides of the Line of Control. I am deeply concerned about the impact of recent actions by the Government of India on the human rights of Kashmiris, including restrictions on Internet communication and peaceful assembly, and the detention of

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Govt pushed for zero budget farming, top scientists question

HARISH DAMODARAN & PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS
NEW DELHI, PUNE, SEPTEMBER 9

INDIA'S PREMIER academic body of agricultural scientists has hit out at Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), terming it as an "unproven" technology bringing no incremental value gain to either farmers or consumers.

"The government should not needlessly invest capital and

human resources towards promoting ZBNF. We have given our recommendations in writing to the Prime Minister and it reflects the view held by the scientific community," said Panjab Singh, president, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS).

This position comes after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Union Budget speech in July spoke of the need to "go back to basics" and "replicate this innovative model (that) can help in doubling our

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Proposed car-shed clean and green, activists are missing wood for the trees: Mumbai Metro, BMC

HC clearance, smaller carbon footprint, compensatory afforestation, low cost: Officials defend Aarey choice, activists see red

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LAXMAN SINGH
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

IT'S BEING presented as the classic face-off: development that will upgrade the city's qual-

ity of life versus damage to the environment. And Mumbai, no stranger to it, is in the midst of its latest iteration: a depot for metro rakes that will boost public transport and drastically cut its carbon footprint versus the felling of 2,646 trees in a green lung of the city.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the



Construction work in Mahim for the underground Metro 3. The car shed is proposed for this line. Amit Chakravarty

ground-breaking ceremony of three more metro lines in Mumbai last week, the unmentioned simmering background was the stand-off between the state government, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Mumbai Metro Rail Company Ltd (MMRCL) on one side, and on the other, sections of Mumbai residents, including environmentalist activists.

The battleground: Aarey Milk Colony in Goregaon East,

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The government move came after the top court on September 6 issued an ultimatum to demolish the buildings by September 20 and file a compliance report. Kerala's ruling LDF government has finally moved to implement the Supreme Court's directions on demolishing the four apartment complexes in Kochi

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E-waste centres

CPCB about this," a DPCC official said on condition of anonymity.

Consider this: ■ An address listed as a collection centre for Vivo in Mohan Cooperative Industrial Area in south Delhi was found to be a building that housed a pathology laboratory and a healthcare company.

Vivo has claimed this address was operational until February and that the CPCB was informed about its closure after that.

■ Of the three addresses listed by Samsung as its centres, two had incomplete information and a third one was inside a warehouse that shut nearly two months ago.

The company sought approval for an address in North Delhi's Alipur that only mentioned the plot number and the area, with no mention of the road name, landmark or pin code.

■ Another address in East Delhi's Veer Savarkar Marg had the plot number missing, which made it difficult to trace its exact location.

■ Of the three addresses mentioned in DPCC's list as HP collection centres, one mentioned only the plot number and the city name, without listing the area, road name or pin code. HP said they provided the full address to the CPCB and that the list features an incomplete address.

■ Another address, which HP claimed was not part of its Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), was listed at Old Mustafabad in East Delhi. However, the location could not be traced during a spot check as the plot number could not be found.

■ The tenth collection centre on the list, mentioned by Canon, was traced by The Indian Express. However, the owner of the shop, Aarif (40) said he has tied up with a company that brings e-waste to him and takes it back again for recycling. "I have had this shop for around eight years and have not received Canon products so far," he said.

■ At another Vivo location in Lakshmi Nagar, multiple electronic dealers said they were not aware of any e-waste collection centre existing at the listed address.

Mohit Jain, a mobile phone shop owner, said, "An inspection was carried out by state officials around two months ago but even they couldn't find the address."

According to officials, a "loop-hole" in the E-Waste (Management) Rules 2016, amended in 2018 to introduce collection targets, could be the reason behind the problem.

The rules state that every producer of Schedule 1 electronic products, such as computers, mobiles, television and refrigerators, has to submit an EPR plan to the CPCB for approval.

The CPCB then evaluates the plan submitted and gives authorisation on being "satisfied" that the producer has detailed an effective system.

After approval, the CPCB forwards the EPR to state pollution control boards for monitoring, which means that a plan could initially be approved by the CPCB without a field audit. If a producer changes its EPR midway, it has to inform the CPCB about it. Producers can also collect products of other electronic companies to meet their recycling targets.

A Vivo spokesperson said its Lajpat Nagar II collection centre was operating until May 31, something that the owner of the house, Seth, denied. Two other addresses were closed down in February and they had informed the authorities about it, a Vivo spokesperson said.

The Vivo spokesperson said, "We have received an appreciation from the government of India for complying above the industry

standards for our e-waste initiatives. We have overachieved the e-waste target suggested by the government."

HP said two collection centres inspected by the authorities were not part of its EPR plan. "The third was listed as incomplete in the CPCB report even though HP had submitted the full address," said a statement by the company.

While Samsung did not respond to queries over email and phone, Canon was unavailable for comment.

Mudra jobs

further in the Tarun loans category (Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh), with male workers accounting for about 14% of the additional employment as against a meagre 1.2% share of female workers.

The trend, according to analysts, could be a pointer to the fact that while female workers tip the scales in terms of overall numbers, their employment is largely restricted to smaller units funded by loans under the Mudra scheme.

Among the states, the highest addition of female workers is in Karnataka under the Shishu loans category, accounting for 12% of total additional employment in that category, followed by Odisha with a share of 6.3%. Maharashtra led among the states in employing extra female workers in the higher loan ticket size categories of Kishor and Tarun, followed by Karnataka and Kerala, respectively.

In case of male workers, Andhra Pradesh added the highest numbers in the Shishu category with a 1.2% share of the total additional employment. In the higher loan ticket size categories of Kishor and Tarun, the maximum male workers were added in Uttar Pradesh (2.2%) and Maharashtra (7.3%). As first reported by The Indian Express, the draft report on Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana Survey conducted by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment found that just one in five beneficiaries started a new business while the rest expanded their existing establishment.

SAIL chief

"On September 6, police arrested Ashok Kumar Singh, a private contractor who deals in coking coal in connection with the attack, which took place at South Delhi's August Kranti Marg. Investigation revealed it was a premeditated attack after Chaudhary refused to go through with a coking coal deal with the son of the accused...the intention was to intimidate the SAIL chief," said a police officer.

DCP (Crime Branch) Dr Ram Gopal Naik said, "Singh was arrested Friday from his residence in Vasant Kunj, and was in police custody for three days." He was produced before a court Monday, and released on bail.

When contacted, Chaudhary told *The Indian Express*, "I have been maintaining that this was not a case of robbery or road rage but a conspiracy to kill me. And it has been proved with their arrest. But I am shocked that he (Singh) was released on bail. My family members and I are now scared."

During questioning, Singh is learnt to have told police that his son has a coking coal company in Sharjah, and that he had struck a Rs 100-crore deal with SAIL in 2018. "He claimed the contract was signed and the consignment arrived from the US at two ports — Haldia and Visakhapatnam — but it was rejected due to poor quality twice, by a committee headed by Chaudhary. He claimed SAIL had paid the first instalment of Rs 30 crore, but unhappy with the quality of coking coal supplied, the payment was later cancelled. Singh claimed Chaudhary did not give permission for the consignment to be accepted, so he decided to teach him a lesson," said

Will pass CAB, won't affect N-E laws: Shah

adjoining states in the region.

"I want to assure both that not even one ghushpetiya (intruder) will be allowed to reside in Assam nor be allowed to enter into any other state. We want to free the whole country from intruders and not only Assam," Shah said, adding that when he says the entire country, the states of North East India are also included. He said that the government will think carefully and take every state into confidence.

Speaking on the CAB, which led to series of protests earlier this year in the N-E, Shah sought to allay fears after Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, earlier in the meeting, said there were concerns about people left out of the NRC entering Meghalaya. Sangma also raised

the issue of the implications of the CAB in North Eastern states.

"There is a concern that in the coming days, people from Bangladesh will keep coming and coming. Will there be a stop to it, will there be a time limit?" said Sangma.

Acknowledging Sangma's concerns, Shah said, "There are concerns regarding Article 371 — what will happen? Will the CAB overlap the ILP (Inner Line Permit)?"

Article 371 lays down special provisions for the North East states of Nagaland, Mizoram, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur. Congress leaders and civil society groups in the N-E had said during the scrapping of Article 370 for Jammu and Kashmir that N-E states could also meet the same fate.

The Inner Line Permit (ILP) is a special permit required by "outsiders" from other regions of India to enter the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram and is based on the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation Act (BEFR), 1873.

Shah said, "I want to specify that Article 370 and Article 371 have only one similarity and that is they come after one another — that's it. Article 370 was temporary, but Article 371 is a special provision. It is a right of the North East and no one can touch it. The CAB will not hurt Article 371. The Government of India will definitely think about that," he said.

"When we will bring the CAB, the laws that you have to protect your community and cultural identity will remain in-

UN rights body concerned over NRC, Kashmir

local political leaders and activists."

"While I continue to urge the governments of India and Pakistan to ensure that human rights are respected and protected, I have appealed, particularly to India, to ease the current lockdowns or curfews; to ensure people's access to basic

services; and that all due process rights are respected for those who have been detained. It is important that the people of Kashmir are consulted and engaged in any decision-making processes that have an impact on their future," she said.

This was Bachelet's first comment on Kashmir, after the

government revoked J&K's special status. While there was no official response from New Delhi, India has sent a team of senior officials, including Indian envoy to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria, to frame the government's response during the UNHRC deliberations as Pakistan is planning to raise the Kashmir issue.

Chinmayanand

Shahjahanpur were not registering a rape case against Chinmayanand.

"Swami Chinmayanand raped me and has been sexually assaulting me for the last one year... The harassment started after I started staying at the (law college) hostel," she said.

Chinmayanand is president of the law college's management committee.

"On Sunday, the SIT questioned me for about 11 hours... I told them about the rape... I told SIT officials that Chinmayanand had sexually assaulted me for the last one year. I told them that I had filed an FIR against Chinmayanand on charges of rape at the Lodhi Colony police station in Delhi... The Uttar Pradesh police should lodge an FIR against Chinmayanand on rape charges and arrest him," she said.

She said she had evidence against Chinmayanand in her hostel room, which has been sealed. "I have all the proof. The hostel room should be opened," she said, adding that she would produce the proof at an appropriate time.

She alleged that when her father went to file a complaint last month, Shahjahanpur District Magistrate Indra Dev Singh had "issued threats". Singh could not be contacted.

Additional DGP, Bareilly zone, Avinash Chandra said, "I have no idea about the case she has filed in Delhi. The SIT must be knowing about it and they are not sharing any details with us."

The law student was reported

missing from Shahjahanpur on August 23, a day after she posted a video on social media alleging that an "influential leader of the sant community" was harassing and threatening to kill her.

Her father had accused Chinmayanand of harassing her and other students. On August 27, Chinmayanand, who has denied the charges, was booked under Sections 364 (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC based on the father's complaint. The law student was traced to Rajasthan on August 30, and produced before the Supreme Court, which took suo motu cognizance of the matter.

"Uploaded the video after escaping from Shahjahanpur to alert my family that there is threat to their life also. The youth who was with me when police caught me in Rajasthan is my brother," she said today.

Last Monday, the Supreme Court had asked the Uttar Pradesh government to set up a special investigation team to "address her grievances".

Mumbai Metro

the site for the metro depot. Established in 1949 under the Bombay Milk Scheme, the central dairy is spread over 1278 hectares of green in the heart of the city.

For officials, the benefits are unambiguous: the area needed, 30 hectares, is barely 2 per cent of the total green belt; the number of trees to be felled is a fraction of the 4.8 lakh trees; the tree cover is in just 17% of this land. And the green benefits of the Metro itself — seven days of Metro operation will cut an amount of CO2 equivalent to that absorbed by 2700 trees in a single year.

Indeed, last October, the Bombay High Court cleared the land-use conversion allowing the project. It acknowledged that no commercial user would be permitted and that a "monitoring and supervising mechanism" would be in place to ensure that the conditions imposed on MM-RCL are met; the National Green Tribunal, too, rejected a plea to name the area a forest.

The battle came to a head in the last week of August, when the Mumbai Tree Authority, a body set up by the BMC in 1976 to regulate the felling of trees in the city, cleared the proposal to fell 2,646

trees — 2185 for cutting, and the remaining for transplanting — for the proposed car shed for the city's Metro 3 line (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ).

Of the 18 members of the authority, eight voted for the proposal, six against, two abstained, two were absent. The day after, two who had voted for the proposal declared they were not aware what the vote was for, and sent in their resignations. The resignations have not been accepted yet.

A four-year-old "Save Aarey" campaign has gathered steam. City-based environmental activist Zoru Bathena challenged the decision in the Bombay High Court. The Shiv Sena, which controls the BMC, has also filed a separate petition. These petitions are due to be heard on September 17.

For the campaigners, Aarey is an extension of Sanjay Gandhi National Park and the depot will turn the "pristine forest which is full of biodiversity and wildlife into a commercial hub."

They also claim that the depot will flood Mumbai airport and Chakala as it may affect Mithi river's catchment area. That's why they want the proposed car shed shifted to a site 7.5 km away to the eastern side of the city, in Kanjur Marg near the Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road. They claim there the car shed will do the least environment damage.

That's impractical, said officials.

For one, the Aarey plot is at the optimum distance to ensure operations according to schedule and that minimum time is taken to introduce or withdraw trains on the 33.5-km Metro 3 line. It is bound on three sides by roads — the Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road, Marol-Maroshi road and Goregaon-Mulund link road which makes it easily accessible, and insulates the rest of Aarey from it.

According to MMRL, the Aarey land is easily available and not assigned or allotted to anyone. It is with state's Dairy Development Department. Therefore it will place zero additional cost on citizens as no compensation has to be paid by the state government.

Ashwani Bhide, MMRL managing director, explained that Kanjur Marg is no longer an option for the car shed. "The land is under litigation and there is a stay from Bombay High court, since 1997. Another problem is Kanjur Marg is nearly 10 km away from the ending of the Metro Line 3."

She added: "Despite this, we still tried our best to take over the land. We had filed an affidavit in Bombay High court citing the importance of the project and pleaded to revoke the stay only for 41 ha of (the Kanjur Marg) land. The High Court asked us to pay the value of the land as per the ready-reckoner rate, which is nearly Rs 2600 crore. That amount of money was not available, and also the construction of 10 km lines would add to the cost. From 2015 to next 18 months, the matter did not clear up, so we moved to our modified plan of having the carshed in Aarey."

MMRCL also says for every tree cut in Aarey, it will plant six trees to compensate. It has a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SGNP for planting 23,846 trees. MMRL says it will also take care of transplanted trees for five years to make sure that they survive. Municipal Commissioner Praveen Pardeshi, a Director of MMRL, said Metro 3, which will be used daily by 17 lakh commuters, would help reduce CO2 emissions.

"A report prepared by United Nations Framework for Climate Change (UNFCCC) has found that about 2.61 metric tonnes of CO2 will be reduced once Metro 3 operation starts. Moreover, seven days of Metro operation will cut an amount of CO2 equivalent to that absorbed by 2,700 trees in a

single year. Also, one day delay on Metro 3 will cost Rs 4.2 crore to public exchequer," Pardeshi told *The Indian Express*.

"Aarey is spread over 1200 hectares and the metro car shed requires 33 hectares. This means only 2% of the land will be used for Metro car shed. Also, trees affected due to car shed project are of 60% non-native and exotic species and they will be compensated by young ones and native species when transplantation will take place," said Pardeshi.

Officials believe that, in principle, the government's first choice should be land that is available without any additional cost. "It is not right to choose private land over available government land and spend taxpayers money," said Pardeshi.

But green activist Bathena is sceptical. "MMRCL claims they will transplant trees but their previous record clearly shows that they are not serious. Most of the trees transplanted by them are dying... We are not against the Metro 3 project but development should not be at the cost of environment," Bathena said.

Aarey is already the site of a Rs 900-crore Metro Bhawan on a 2.03-hectare plot. This will serve as a control room for all the metro lines in Mumbai. The state government had invited members of the public to send in their objections and suggestions to the plan by September 5 — the deadline has been extended by a month.

complaint by Ansari's wife.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Karthik S, Saraikela-Kharsawan SP, said: "We filed a chargesheet under IPC section 304 because of two reasons. One, he did not die at the spot... the villagers did not have any intent to kill Ansari. Second, the medical report did not substantiate the murder charge. The final post-mortem report said Ansari died due to cardiac arrest and that a haemorrhage in the head was not fatal. The second medical opinion said the cause of death was a combination of cardiac arrest and the head injury."

On June 18, a mob in Dhatkidih village tied Ansari to a pole, accused him of theft, assaulted him and allegedly forced him to chant "Jai Shri Ram and 'Jai Hanuman'". After the assault, Ansari was arrested on charges of theft and sent to judicial custody.

Four days later, he was rushed to a local hospital where he succumbed to injuries sustained in the assault. On June 25, a doctor who conducted the post mortem told *The Indian Express* that Ansari's death was "in all possibility" caused by a brain haemorrhage triggered by a head injury.

"There was an injury on the right frontoparietal region... There is a possibility that this led to effusion or oozing of blood from the skull leading to haemorrhage. This could be a possible cause of death," Dr Bariyal Mari, Deputy Superintendent, Sadar Hospital, had said. At the time, however, the medical board had "reserved" its final opinion on the post-mortem pending results of forensic tests.

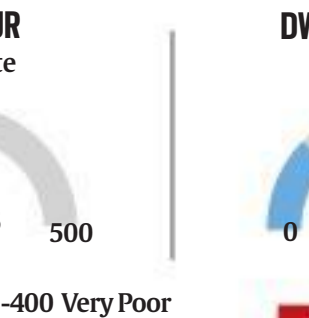
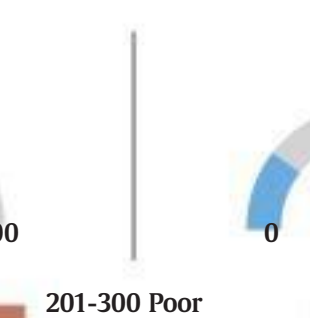
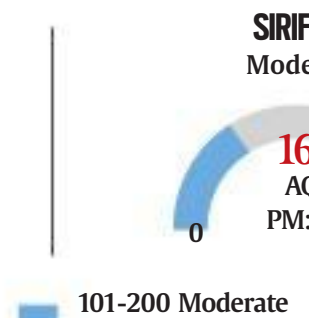
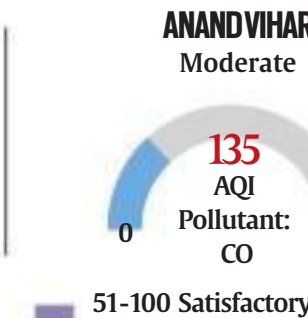
After the initial FIR of theft, another FIR was registered under IPC sections 302 (murder) and 295 A (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings...).

Police said the chargesheet was vetted by the prosecution department. "Our motive is to secure a conviction. Initially, we thought we could invoke both 302 and 304 of the IPC, but that could not have gone parallel... The medical reports also did not decisively say death due to haemorrhage. In the court, this could have led to a problem," said the police officer.

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South MCD to get a new commissioner

New Delhi: The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) is set to get a commissioner, after three months of the post lying vacant. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) passed an order appointing senior IAS officer Gyanesh Bharti to the post on Monday.

Bharti is an officer with the Union Territory cadre of the 1998 batch. He was posted as joint secretary and cabinet secretariat, with the Government of India before being repatriated to his parent cadre in July.

Over the past three months, several councillors had raised the issue of work in the South body being affected as there was no commissioner.

North corporation commissioner Varsha Joshi was holding additional charge of SDMC, after previous commissioner Puneet Kumar Goel was transferred to Goa in June. **ENS**

WOMAN MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER HER RELATIONSHIP

Police stop woman's cremation, arrest father for 'strangling' her

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

OVER A month ago, sub-inspector Ravi, posted at Adarsh Nagar police station, received a tip-off about a young woman being hurriedly cremated after she died at home. When the SI and a head constable reached the cremation ground, they saw a woman's body being settled on a pyre. In attendance were three people. "It seemed suspicious, so we didn't let the family finish the last rites, and took the body for post-mortem," said the SI.

On Sunday, the 18-year-old woman's father Lakhan Mathur



Sheetal worked as a domestic help

(50) was arrested from his house in Azadpur for allegedly murdering his daughter, Sheetal.

DCP (North West) Vijayanta

Arya said, "We suspected the family because neither did they contact any doctor nor the police after the sudden death of their daughter. None of the other family members or neighbours were informed and the body was rushed to the cremation ground. A post-mortem was conducted at BJRM hospital, and we had been waiting for the report to confirm the cause of death."

The report revealed several external injuries on the woman's body. The injuries were ante-mortem in nature, said police.

"The cause of death was asphyxia due to manual strangulation... the woman's father has

confessed. He said that he disapproved of her relationship with a man who lives nearby," said Arya. The incident took place on the night of July 24, when Sheetal, a domestic help, returned home from work.

Her mother Tara (45) claimed Sheetal "was a weak girl who probably fainted after low blood pressure and was found inside her room".

She claimed, "Her father didn't approve of the relationship because the man doesn't belong to our community. They would often fight about this, but she later agreed to marry a man we had chosen for her."

Police said the man lived as a

tenant near the woman's home.

The man's neighbour, Prashant (27), said: "The two had known each other for a year. They wanted to get married but her father had fixed her marriage to another man. Her family members had also beaten up the man after they found out Sheetal was planning to marry him in court."

Apart from Mathur, a neighbour identified as Raju (30) was also arrested for Sheetal's murder. DCP Arya said, "The two accused work in the same company and live nearby... his involvement is being investigated. Raju helped coordinate the funeral."



Police probe gang link to murder of former BSP member

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

A DAY after former BSP candidate Virender Mann (44) was shot dead in his car in Narela by five assailants, police suspect gangster Jitender Gogi or his associates may be behind the murder.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that someone passed information of Virender's whereabouts to the assailants, who were waiting for him. They stopped his car at gunpoint and asked him to get out before killing him. They allegedly fired around 30 rounds, around 15 bullets hit the victim," a senior officer said.

Police said they have found CCTV footage of the incident and identified two assailants.

"We are questioning witnesses and scanning CCTVs for clues. No arrest has been made so far, but we will identify and nab the accused soon," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma.

According to a police officer, "investigation revealed that Gogi



Virender Mann was shot dead in his car in Narela on Sunday

had demanded Rs 50 lakh as protection money from a local MLA, who was closely associated with Virender. The victim was negotiating on the MLA's behalf, which may have irked Gogi and his associates".

Police are also probing the role of Gogi's associate Kapil Kherra, who has allegedly murdered associates of one Praveesh Mann. The latter killed Kherra's uncle in July 2018, and Virender helped Praveesh get bail, an officer said.

Virender had contested the 2013 Assembly polls from Narela on a BSP ticket. His family said he had been associated with AAP since 2016. He is survived by his wife and father.

Police also said Virender had 14 criminal cases registered against him.

HC directs DU to build campus in Najafgarh 'as early as possible'

PRITAM PAL SINGH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

DELHI UNIVERSITY could soon have a campus in South West Delhi's Najafgarh, land for which was allotted in 1989, with the Delhi High Court directing the varsity and its Vice-Chancellor to build the college "as early as possible", depending on "availability of budget".

"We are not going to change the priority of Delhi University nor of the V-CoF Delhi University. Every government institution has its own priorities and look-

ing to their budgetary provisions, construction work are to be carried out," said a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice C Hari Shankar. The bench also referred to its July 16 order, in which it was recorded that the university will carry out the construction as early as possible.

It directed the Centre and the National Highways Authority of India to make the approach road once construction of the college begins. "There cannot be any existence of the approach road to the college without there being any college...", the bench noted in its order.

A seven-member panel, constituted on the court's order, will take care of the needs and propriety of construction of the college and the approach road.

The court's direction came while hearing a PIL filed by the Najafgarh Senior Citizens' Association, which claimed that youngsters in the area do not have easy access to quality education, due to which they have to travel long distances to DU's North and South campuses. The association had sought directions to the varsity, Centre and state government to set up colleges and a campus in the area.



LOUD & PROUD

At the closing ceremony of the Delhi Police's self-defense training programme at Government Senior Secondary School in Dilshad Garden, Monday. Over the last two weeks, at least 1,500 girls were provided self-defense training under the Sashakti scheme of Special Police Unit for Women and Children. *Praveen Khanna*

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WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR THE POST OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN KVS ON DEPUTATION BASIS ON 13-09-2019 AT 10:00 HOURS AT KVS (HQ), NEW DELHI

A Walk in Interview will be conducted by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 13th September 2019 for the post of Administrative Officer on Deputation basis in the PAY LEVEL-10 of 7th CPC (Pre-Revised Pay Band-3 of Rs. 15600-39100 plus Grade Pay Rs. 5400). Officers holding analogous post in Central Govt./State Govt./Autonomous Bodies of Central and State Govt. may appear for the interview. Detailed eligibility criteria and terms & conditions are available on KVS website www.kvsangthan.nic.in

Deputy Commissioner

HARYANA REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regarding Complaint No. 1025 of 2018 'Kusum Sharma Versus Asian Developers Ltd.'

Notice to Asian Developers Ltd. at Registered Office at W-6, 3rd Floor, Naveen Shadra Colony, New Delhi - 110032.

Whereas the above mentioned Allottee has instituted the above titled Complaint against you. Notice alongwith copy of Complaint had been sent to you which could not be successfully delivered. You are herby given a Notice to appear before the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula, in person or by a duly Authorized person on **11.09.2019 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer the same, failing which the Complaint will be disposed of ex-parte. Copy of the Complaint may be collected from the Office of the Authority on any working day. For details, log on to <https://haryanarera.gov.in>. Dated this day of 04.09.2019.

Administrative Officer (Petitions)
HRERA, Mini Secretariat, New Office
Block-2nd & 3rd Floor, Sector-1, Panchkula.

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(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

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ADDENDUM TO NOTICE FOR 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that Company has received requisite notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 proposing the candidature of Shri Yash Paul Bhola (DIN 08551454), who has assumed charge as Director (Finance) of the Company in terms of the Government of India Order No. 82/3-2013-HR-I dated 03.09.2019, for appointment as Director (Finance) at the 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of National Fertilizers Limited scheduled on **Wednesday, the 18th September, 2019 at 2:30 P.M.** at Joseph Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. The Board of Directors has appointed Shri Bhola as Additional Director of the Company with effect from the date of his assumption of charge i.e. **03.09.2019** as Director (Finance). He will hold office of Additional Director up to 45th AGM.

Shri Bhola, aged about 57 years, is an MBA (Finance) and Member of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India. Prior to his appointment as Director (Finance), he was holding the position of Executive Director (F&A) in the Company. He has rich experience of more than three and a half decade handling various functional areas in Finance & Accounts Department. He had been actively involved in execution and implementation of various contracts/projects of importance for the Company.

Addendum to the Notice of 45th AGM, regarding appointment of Shri Yash Paul Bhola (DIN 08551454) as Director (Finance) of the Company, for approval of the Members as item no. 11 to be transacted as a Special Business at the said AGM, is placed under the "Investor Desk" at the website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com and the same is being also submitted to the Stock Exchanges (BSE & NSE).

This notice is being published in newspaper inter-alia in terms of Section 160 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 13 of the Companies (Appointment and Qualifications of Directors) Rules, 2014.

For National Fertilizers Limited

Sd/-

(Raj Kumar)

Company Secretary

A-11914

Place : New Delhi

Date : 06.09.2019

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Arvind Kejriwal
Chief Minister, Delhi

Email suggestions to deal with Pollution caused by Stubble Burning
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Public Notice

Revised list artificial ponds for Green Idol Immersion on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi

S. No.	District	Sub-Division	Name and address of artificial ponds with land marks
1.	East	Mayur Vihar	Buddha Park near H.No.-9, Pocket-1, Mayur vihar, Phase-1.
2.	East	Mayur Vihar	Rajesh pilot Park, B-block, kondli, Dairy Farm
3.	East	Mayur Vihar	Behind Red Fox Hotel, Mayur Vihar Phase III
4.	East	Mayur Vihar	MIG Complex, Near Durga Mata Mandir Kondli
5.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Park, Santan Shiv Mandir A-2 Park Mayur Vihar, Ph-III.
6.	East	Mayur Vihar	Chhat Pooja Ghat Park, New Kondli
7.	East	Mayur Vihar	Opposite Neelam Mata Mandir.
8.	East	Mayur Vihar	36 Block Triokpuri, DDA Land
9.	East	Preet Vihar	Children's IP Ext. West Vinod Nagar
10.	East	Preet Vihar	Behind Park Inn Hotel DDA District Center, Mandawali
11.	East	Preet Vihar	Dr. Rajender Prasad Park, Shanti Marg, Delhi
12.	East	Preet Vihar	Chander Vihar, Between Street No. 4 & 5, Madhu Vihar
13.	East	Preet Vihar	Natural Pond in front of Kala Niketan Public School
14.	East	Gandhi Nagar	Vacant Site Between Mayur Dhvaj Appartment And Indian Oil Petrol Pump, Geeta Colony
15.	North	Model Town	DDA, Park, Jahangir Puri
16.	North	Model Town	Chhat Ghat Near SR Office Bhalswa
17.	North	Model Town	Open land at 50 Foot Road, Shah Alam Band Marg
18.	North	Alipur	Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Samaypur
19.	North	Alipur	Gali NO.15, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi
20.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, JJ Colony, Bawana
21.	North	Narela	Chhat Ghat, Pehlampur Banger
22.	North	Narela	Chhath Ghat, Pkt-1, Sec-A-10, Narela
23.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	NDMC Park, Opp. Laxmi Narayan Mandir, Kalibari Marg, and Mark: Birla Mandir.
24.	New Delhi	Chanakya Puri	Raja Bazar Park, Opp. Union Academy Sr. Sec. School, Land Mark: Union Academy Sr. Sec. School.
25.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Krishni Kunj Ground, Near Inderpuri, Loha Mandi
26.	New Delhi	Delhi Cantt.	Ram Leela Ground At Delhi Cantt, Sadar Bazar, Near Gurudwara
27.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	C.P.W.D., Central Park, Sec-12 R.K. Puram, New Delhi
28.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Community Centre Park, Near Vasant Lok Market, Vasant Vihar
29.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	DDA Park, Sec-06, 12 Near Hotel Hayat, R.K. Puram
30.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	CPWD Park Sec-01, R.K. Puram, Offsite Mohan Singh Market, New Delhi
31.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	MCD Park, Aadarsh Basti, Mohammad Pur Village, New Delhi
32.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	SDMC Park, Vasant Kunj, Near GD Goenka School, Sec-12, Near CNG Pump
33.	New Delhi	Vasant Vihar	NDMC Subhash Park, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
34.	Central	Kotwali	Gopal Mailk Park, Opposite Shastri Nagar, Delhi
35.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-A)
36.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-B)
37.	Central	Civil Lines	Nirankari Ground near Nirankari Sarovar Bhawan, Burari, Delhi (Site-C)
38.	Central	Civil Lines	Sunil Colony, Burari, Delhi
39.	Central	Civil Lines	Shakti Enclave, Burari, Delhi
40.	Central	Civil Lines	Yamuna Pusta Thokar No. 02, Hanuman Mandir near Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi

S. No.	District	Sub-Division	Name and address of artificial ponds with land marks
41.	South-East	Defence Colony	Aastha Kunj Park, Near Iskon Temple, East of Kailash, New Delhi
42.	South-East	Defence Colony	Near Barapulla Nalla, Bangali Camp, Opp. Jain Mandir
43.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Adjacent to Shiv Ghat, Opposite Jaitpur PS Old
44.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Khadda Colony, Jaitpur NTPC Open Ground Jaitpur
45.	South-East	Sarita Vihar	Khadan Tajpur Village, Sarita Vihar
46.	South-East	Kaika Ji	DDA Flats, J-3, Park, (Kaika Ji)
47.	South-East	Kaika Ji	Sewa Singh Park, Opp. Govind Puri Police Station
48.	West	Patel Nagar	Rameela Park, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar
49.	West	Patel Nagar	B-58, Rama Road Circle
50.	West	Patel Nagar	H-Block, MCD park, Karmapura
51.	West	Patel Nagar	NW-143B, Vishu Garden, Chowkhandi, New Delhi
52.	West	Rajouri Garden	A-1/37, Jawahar park, Kirti Nagar, Delhi
53.	West	Rajouri Garden	Furniture Block (Timber Market), Kirti Nagar, Delhi
54.	West	Rajouri Garden	Pilli Kothi, Hari Nagar, Delhi
55.	West	Rajouri Garden	DMS Colony, Hari Nagar, Delhi
56.	West	Rajouri Garden	Jheel wala Park, Fateh Nagar, Delhi
57.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Jheel Park, Madipur, Delhi
58.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Nihal Vihar Pul, Near Fire Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
59.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Talab Park, Budh Bazar, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Delhi
60.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Brahmpuri Ranhola (Gram Sabha Land/Delhi Govt.)
61.	West	Punjabi Bagh	I & FC land near Nallah, Oppo. C-Block, Harphool Nagar Vihar, Nangli Vihar Extn. Baprol, Delhi
62.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land in MPCC Building, Opp. Talab in Bakkarwala Kh. No. 83
63.	West	Punjabi Bagh	Land near Talab, Village Kamruddin Nagar, Village Kh. No. 38/1/2
64.	West	Punjabi Bagh	DDA land Opp. Talab, Village Mundka No. 142
65.	West	Rajouri Garden	G. S. Land in Community Center, Near Talab, Village Hiran Kudna Near Shiv Mandir, Kh. No. 134
66.	West	Rajouri Garden	PWD land in Baba Haridass colony, Tikri Kalan Near Metro Station, Tikri Border.
67.	North-East	Karawal Nagar	Park Near T. B Hospital, Karawal Nagar
68.	North-East	Seelampur	Shastri park, Opp. Northern Engineering College
69.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Chhath Ghat at Bhagirathi Vihar
70.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Ambedker Park, Gokalpuri
71.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Vacant DDA land near Le-Diamond Banquet Hall
72.	North-East	Yamuna Vihar	Opp. Water Treatment Plant, Bhagirathi Vihar
73.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Deer park, Dilshad Garden, Oppo Mukherjee Public School
74.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Road No. 89, District park, Khel Parisar, Tahirpur Village
75.	Shahdara	Seemapuri	Kuth Ashram, Tahipur, Delhi
76.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Central park, CBD Ground, Shahdara
77.	Shahdara	Vivek Vihar	Krishna Market park, Jhimli Colony, Delhi
78.	Shahdara	Shahdara	Babarpur Johar
79.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Lekham Chowk Hanuman Mandir, Jain Nagar, Karala, Near Dry Canal
80.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Shiv Shakti Mandir, J-Block, Shiv Vihar, Mohammad Pur Majri
81.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Ghevra Village, RWA Pond Ghevra
82.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Pond in Jyoti Colony, Jaunti Village
83.	North-West	Kanjahwala	Durga Enclave Punjab Khod

S. No.	District	Sub-Division	Name and address of artificial ponds with land marks
84.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat, Gadhe Wala Park (in DDA Park) Opp. Sec-20, Rohini
85.	North-West	Rohini	Chhat Pooja Ghat at Inder Enclave Part-2, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
86.	North-West	Rohini	MLA Ground, Prem Nagar Part-III, Kirari
87.	North-West	Rohini	DDA Park Laxmi Nagar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
88.	North-West	Rohini	A-245 Inder Enclave, Mubarakpur Road, Kirari
89.	North-West	Rohini	P-4/607 Sultanpuri
90.	North-West	Rohini	Babu Park, Mangolpuri
91.	North-West	Rohini	Hind Vihar, Prem Nagar-III, Kirari
92.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Ashok Vihar, New Delhi
93.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	Haiderpur, Shalimar Bagh
94.	North-West	Saraswati Vihar	PU Block, Uttari Pitamura, Pitapura, Delhi
95.	South-West		Middle of Kali Basit, near the drain behind Uttam nagar Terminal (DDA land)
96.	South-West		MP Green Field, Village Hastai
97.	South-West		Dushera park, b Block, Janakpuri in front of Maharaja Suraj Mal College
98.	South-West		Durga park, West Sagarpur, Nasirpur (DDA land)
99.	South-West		DDA land in south of Sector 12 and 13 metro line
100.	South-West		Vacant land near DDA Sport Complex in Sec-11 Dwarka
101.	South-West		M. C. Primary School Near Rabta Mor, Jaffarpur Kalan
102.	South-West		I & FC, Land near the drain besides the Vipin Garden
103.	South-West		Land near Nala Road in Sector 23, Dwarka
104.	South-West		DDA Vacant land at Sec-1, Dwarka in front of Mata mandir
105.	South-West		Kh. No. 199 & 200, Existing at Dinpur Goyla Road.
106.	South-West		KH. No. 338 (5-6) Village Deen pur
107.	South-West		Satyam Puram, Jharoda Kalan Najafgarh
108.	South	Hauz Khas	Sector-4, Pushp Vihar, Double Story Colony, Near Mother Dairy, New Delhi
109.	South	Hauz Khas	South Enclave DDA Flats, Near Ambedker Nagar Police Station
110.	South	Hauz Khas	Dussera Ground, Chirag Delhi
111.	South	Hauz Khas	DDA park, Begumpur, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi
112.	South	Saket	Freedom Fighter, Chhat Ghat
113.	South	Saket	Near Ashthal Mandir, Devli
114.	South	Mehrauli	Aya Nagar, Kh. No. 1575
115.	South	Mehrauli	Jonapur Water Body Kh. No. 194
116.	South	Mehrauli	DDA Park, Chat Ghat, Kishangarh

“Let us all together save our life-giving Yamuna river from being polluted and immerse idols only at the places prescribed by Delhi Government instead of Yamuna.”

Revenue Department and Environment Department
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

ENQUIRY ORDERED IN 2016 CASE

Court slams police for lying about drug raid

ANAND MOHAN J

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

IN 2016, a three-member team from the Delhi Police claimed to have arrested a man with 37 kg of marijuana after they managed to “smell” a packet of the drug he had on him. A Delhi court has now acquitted the man, after it was found that the raiding team was never at the spot.

The court said that it “cannot shut its eye to the incarceration of an innocent person in jail on false and frivolous accusations, and also cannot be spectator to injustice being perpetrated at the hands of unscrupulous police officials”.

The court directed the DCP concerned to hold an enquiry in light of observations made in this judgment, fix responsibility of erring police official(s) and file an action taken report within six months. Police are yet to begin the enquiry, it is learnt.

The court observed: “The accused in present case has spent

almost three years of his life in jail for no rhyme or reason. It is a glaring example where unscrupulous police officials, while discharging their duties, abused their power as well as position... The members of raiding team curtailed the liberty of an innocent citizen for reasons best known to them.”

A Delhi Police team comprising ASI Devi Ram, head constable Sardar Singh and constable Sunil from Nand Nagri had arrested New Seemapuri resident Farooq in 2016. The prosecution claimed that Farooq did not use his legal right of calling a gazetted officer or a magistrate before the search, and was illiterate and could only sign. After claiming to have recovered marijuana, police told the court that they stopped a truck, attached the wires of their electronic weighing machine to the vehicle's battery to kickstart the device, and weighed the seized marijuana.

Farooq, in his statement to the court, said senior officers from the police station wanted to make him an informer, and

when he refused, they implicated him in the case under the NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) Act.

The court did not buy the prosecution's story of using the electronic weighing machine after it did not find any daily diary entry corroborating the same.

When the counsel for the accused, U A Khan, told the court that members of the raiding team were not present at the spot at the time of his arrest, the court perused call detail records to find that the raiding team members were, in fact, never present. Members of the raiding team did not contest this before the court.

Additional Sessions Judge Manjusha Wadhwa said, “This court would be failing in its duty if it does not express its anguish against the exercise of power by the members of raiding team... The aforesaid factors, including changing tower location of mobile phone used by the members of raiding team during the investigation process, shakes the conscience of the court.”

HC action against man who fled with daughter to UAE

PRITAM PALSINGH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE DELHI High Court has ordered issuance of open-ended non-bailable warrants against the father of a minor girl, along with two others, for taking the girl to the UAE without the court's permission. The court has also transferred the probe to the CBI from the Delhi Police, and directed the agency to probe how they crossed the border despite Look Out Circulars (LOC) being issued against them to ensure they do not travel abroad till they deposit their passports in court.

Justice Manmohan and Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal said that “in pursuance to the non-bailable warrants issued by the court, the CBI shall take steps for issuance of a Red Corner Notice in accordance with the law in the name of the father and two others”.

It also ordered initiation of contempt proceedings against the man, a resident of South Delhi's Vasant Vihar, for wilfully

As per court orders, the man was to hand over custody of the minor to his wife. However, he took her to Nepal, then to UAE

violating court orders.

The court's order was issued after the mother of the girl, by way of her habeas corpus plea, sought production of her daughter aged about two-and-a-half years. As per court records, the woman had been fighting a custody battle for the minor.

Senior advocate Dayan Krishnan, appearing for the woman, submitted that contrary to the plan directed by the court in May 2018, the father was supposed to return the toddler to her mother on August 24, but did not do so. Following this, the woman filed a police complaint.

Standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra and advocate

Chaitanya Gosain, appearing for the Delhi Police, contended that the man fled with her to West Bengal on August 25, from where he took a taxi to Nepal.

On being asked about the whereabouts of the minor, advocates Jai A Dehadrai and Siddharth Arora, appearing for the man, told the court that the girl is in the UAE with her father.

They also sought time to file a detailed affidavit explaining why minor was moved out of the jurisdiction of the High Court, and that too on a second passport issued by the Commonwealth of Dominica.

However, the bench observed: “Keeping in view the contumacious conduct of... and his scant regard for binding directions, this court is of the view that the statement made by the counsel for Mr... is another attempt to prevent this court from taking the matter to its logical conclusion. Accordingly, the said prayer is declined.” The CBI will also probe alleged kidnapping and criminal conspiracy in the matter.



RIVER PROTECTORS

A CRPF patrolling team at Kudesia ghat along the Yamuna, meant to stop residents from immersing Ganesha idols, as part of an environment protection ruling by the National Green Tribunal, Monday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Accusations fly thick & fast on last day of DUSU poll campaign

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

ON PRACTICALLY the last day of campaigning for the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) polls, the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) accused the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad of attacking its vice-presidential candidate.

Meanwhile, the ABVP alleged it was an intra-organisation fight between NSUI candidates for vice-president and secretary, and filed a police complaint at Malviya Nagar police station.

NSUI president Neeraj Kundan said the incident showed ABVP's “anti-Dalit mentality”, “Ankit Bharti (V-P candidate) belongs to the Dalit community and the ABVP does not want anyone from the Dalit community to fight elections. We are gaining support, which is why the ABVP is scared and doing all these things,” he said.

The alleged incident took place at the College for Vocational Studies Monday morning, Bharti, who was allegedly injured in the



NSUI candidate Ashish Lamba during campaigning

attack, claimed, “When I went for campaigning, some ABVP members hit me, and dragged me in a car where they assaulted me. They said I was not allowed to enter the college. When I went in, they hit me again...”

The ABVP, however, claimed Bharti was injured in a fight with Ashish Lamba, NSUI's candidate for the post of secretary. Both organisations claimed the attack was “planned”. ABVP state secretary Sidharth Yadav, in his complaint, said, “...Cheap political tactics by NSUI have polluted the election environment. We request you to look into the case...”

Polls are on September 12.

In a first, suicide prevention helpline for LGBT community

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

IN A first, a toll-free helpline for suicide prevention counselling has been introduced in the city to particularly serve the LGBT community.

Created by NGO SPACE, the helpline, 1800111015, has been operational since August 1, and receives five to six calls on an average every day.

“In the last month, six trans people who were a part of our NGO's community committed suicide. That was really a final push for us to work dedicatedly towards mental health issues and suicide prevention among the queer community. Working with queer issues, we've already dealt with issues of so much stigma. In the case of mental health and suicide in the community, the stigma is doubled,” said Anjan Nag, director, SPACE.

The tele-counselling helpline operates from 10 am to 6 pm every day and is manned by Maira Khan, a trained counsellor. Maira is also a member of the

transgender community.

“Most callers are in the 18-26 age category, and the predominant issues are about relationships — gay men in marriages they didn't want to be in, trans women facing abuse from their boyfriends, and so on. I speak to them for about 15-20 minutes per session and many of them have called for follow-up sessions, which is important,” she said.

According to her, most of the callers have been from Delhi, and a few from Ghaziabad and parts of Punjab.

On September 10, World Suicide Prevention Day, the organisation will begin a multi-pronged programme on suicide prevention for LGBT youth. Apart from conducting programmes in public places to raise awareness about the helpline, they are also beginning therapy sessions. “We have a psychologist who is providing in-person counselling at our clinic in Kashmere Gate since August 1. We are seeing 15-20 visitors every week. We are also starting monthly therapy sessions, which will mostly be through art and music...” said Nag.

BRIEFLY

'Woman killed over dowry'

New Delhi: A woman was allegedly killed by her husband and in-laws over dowry in Rohini Sunday, said police. The couple got married in 2015. The woman's father alleged in his complaint: “She had told me that her husband was demanding Rs 2 lakh and had threatened to leave her if she didn't give the money. I refused to give it. On Saturday, I received a call from her husband's brother saying that my daughter had committed suicide. I told them to wait for us and not cremate the body, but they refused and went ahead with it.” Police said that an FIR has been registered in the case. **ENS**

Man arrested for killing financier

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly killing a financier in Dwarka's Chhawalva on August 26. Police said the accused, Than Singh, had borrowed Rs 5 lakh from financier Dinesh and was unable to pay it back. On August 26, he allegedly shot Dinesh at his house and fled to Mumbai. He was arrested after he returned to Delhi to arrange for money, said police.

JNU student robbed and assaulted

New Delhi: A visually impaired student from JNU was allegedly attacked and robbed by a couple in North Delhi's Burari Saturday. Police said Uttam Verma was standing on the footpath when he was approached by the accused, who told him that they would help him cross the road. After crossing the road, the man allegedly snatched Verma's purse and pelted stones at him when he raised an alarm. Police said they have arrested the woman.

2 on bike kill man, flee

New Delhi: A 26-year-old man was shot dead, allegedly by two unidentified men, in Seelampur Sunday night. Police said the man was standing outside his house when two bike-borne men approached him. They got into an altercation with the victim, shot him and fled the spot, said police. A case has been registered against unknown persons, said police.

Man held for impersonation

New Delhi: A 32-year-old man was apprehended by CISF personnel at the Delhi airport for allegedly impersonating an 81-year-old passenger and using a fake passport. Jayesh Patel, a resident of Ahmedabad, coloured his hair and beard white, arrived on a wheelchair to board a flight to New York at IGI on Sunday, said police. “The passenger looked suspicious to CISF officials. He was later handed over to immigration officials on charges of impersonation,” a senior CISF official said. **ENS**

Power theft conviction

New Delhi: A man from Bawana has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined Rs 2.36 lakh for electricity theft, a spokesperson of power discom TPDDL said Monday. A special electricity court in Rohini convicted the Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) consumer for “direct theft” from an electricity pole, he said. **PTI**

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER DATED: 06.09.2019

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, invites Open Tender in Two Packet system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal for the following works:-

1) Construction of RCC Box Culverts, Height Gauge, Washable Apron, Fencing & Precast Slab works for STPP NTPC Railway siding at Gadawara, Dist-Narasinghpur, Madhya Pradesh. Tender Notice No.: KR-CO-W-BR-NTPC-GAR-T-102. Total Estimated Cost of Tender : Rs. 8.21 Crore (Excluding GST). Closing Date/Time: 30.09.2019 Up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids.

2) Construction of Foot Over Bridges in STPP NTPC Railway Siding Yard at Gadawara, Dist- Narasinghpur, Madhya Pradesh. Tender Notice No.: KR-PD-FOB-NTPC-GAR-T-101. Total Estimated Cost of Tender: Rs. 4.87 Crore (Excluding GST). Closing Date/Time: 27.09.2019 Up to 15:00 hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids.

Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

SUPPLY OF WELDING PORTIONS AND EQUIPMENTS

E-Tender Notice No. 32/W-2/APDJ: Dated: 06-09-2019. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Tender No: 07-AP-III-2019. Name of Work: Supply of Alumino Thermic welding portion & AT welding tools, equipments in connection with Siliguri - Alipurduar - Talabpur - Deep Screening - 75 km. **Tender value:** ₹ 12.96,320/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,06,500/- **E-tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 03-10-2019 and opened at 15:00 hrs. on 03-10-2019.** The complete information with the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

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NOTIFICATION DATED:10-09-2019

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up of the post of **DIRECTOR/Finance** on the Board of APSPCL, a Company wholly owned by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The details of eligibility criteria, other detailed instructions and prescribed format may be viewed at APSPCL website www.apspdc.in.

Place:Tirupati, Date:10-09-2019, Chairman & Managing Director

NMDC Limited
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)

DONIMALAI COMPLEX, DONIMALAI TOWNSHIP PO- SANDUR TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT KARNATAKA. PIN CODE - 563118. CIN : L13100TG19S6G0I001674.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender Enquiry No. KIOM/OTE/MIST/WS/2019 Date: 10/09/2019

Sealed tenders in two bid systems are invited from competent and experienced contractors for the following work:

“Hiring of water tanker with mist/fog canon for sprinkling of 3840 trips (±20%) for a period of two years (±1920 trips (±20%) per annum) on a stretch of 05 km length of haul roads in dispatch operations of Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine, M/s NMDC Limited, which is further extendable by one more year at the discretion of NMDC”.

The EMD ₹47,000/-, Estimate value of the work ₹94.93 Lakhs, Contract period-3840 trips (±20%) for a period of two years (±1920 trips (±20%) per annum) and extendable by one more year for annual quantity of 1920 trips (±20%) at the discretion of NMDC.

Tenders can be viewed/downloaded from website www.nmdc.co.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. For further clarifications please contact NMDC Office Donimalai Complex, Ph: 08395-274640, email id: kiom.nmdc@gmail.com.

Tender document can be down loaded from 10/09/2019 to 10/10/2019.

For and on behalf of NMDC Limited, DGM (Mining)

Date: 10/09/2019



The five-foot python was found entangled inside the car's engine. *Express*

Heading home, man finds cold-blooded hitchhiker inside car

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AT 11 am Sunday, Avnish Sharma got inside his car near DLF Farms in Chhatarpur where it had been parked since Saturday afternoon. As the 38-year-old started the car to head back home, he heard some noise, like “firecrackers going off”, from the engine.

“I thought something must have happened because of the rain. I pulled over, opened the bonnet and saw a huge python entangled behind the engine,” Sharma said.

“I was frightened and though I knew that it was not a poisonous snake, I did not go near it,” he added.

Sharma, who runs an internet service providing company, immediately called his friends for help and later approached security guards of a residential society nearby, who got him the contact details for Wildlife SOS.

A rapid response unit of

Wildlife SOS arrived at the spot within an hour. By then, a crowd of over “100 people” had gathered around the car.

The operation for removing the five-foot-long Indian Rock Python lasted nearly two hours as the team had to call a mechanic and open dashboard frames to pull out the reptile.

Wasim Ahmad, deputy director of special projects at Wildlife SOS, said, “Rescuing the snake was difficult as it was surrounded by more than 100 people who wanted to catch a glimpse of it. Our rescuers had to ensure that they did not startle the reptile.”

After being rescued, the python was released in Asola-Bhatti wildlife sanctuary.

A spokesperson for the non-profit body added that the Indian Rock Python is often mistaken to be dangerous because of its size.

“Not many people know that pythons are non-venomous. These reptiles often get killed when they venture into human surroundings,” the spokesperson added.

‘Man kills month-old daughter after fight with wife’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THREE WEEKS after his daughter was born, a man allegedly killed the infant by strangling and drowning her. Police have arrested the accused, Mukesh (26). He allegedly killed the toddler after a fight with his wife on Friday.

Police said Mukesh's wife Kiran (23) called police and told them about the incident in Bindapur.

DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse said, "We received a call from a woman about the incident. We reached the spot and found the infant lying unconscious on the terrace. She was rushed to the nearest hospital where doctors declared her dead on arrival. A post-mortem was conducted and we found that the child was first strangled and then drowned. The woman said her husband had killed the infant. We arrested the man and he confessed to his crime. A case of murder has been registered."

Kiran said they hadn't even picked a name for the baby and they called her 'Laali' till then.

"After the baby was born on August 16, I was planning to visit my mother's house but Mukesh wasn't happy about the decision. On Friday, he took the baby and went to the terrace. I waited for them but when they didn't come back after an hour, I went upstairs. Mukesh had locked the door that lead to the terrace. I knocked multiple times but nobody answered. Babita, my niece, also came upstairs... Mukesh finally opened the door and I saw my child lying on the cot. I realised she wasn't crying or moving... When we asked Mukesh what happened, he said he was angry and had strangled her... he also drowned her in the water tank," she alleged in her complaint.

Kiran and Mukesh got married in April 2014, said police.

4 rent place next to gold finance company, try to break in, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AROUND 10 days ago, four men moved into a rented accommodation in Shalimar Bagh with five spades, four screwdrivers, three pliers, two hammers, a gas cutter head and an iron saw. Apart from a room, they also took a godown on rent — right behind the office of gold finance company Manappuram.

On Sunday afternoon, police said, two of the four men were allegedly caught making a hole in

the godown's wall in a bid to carry out a burglary at the company.

DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said the "information about suspicious men was received from an informer in the area, after which a team of officers from Shalimar Bagh reached the spot".

Police said the godown was checked and the men were found trying to break the wall.

The accused have been identified as Jharkhand residents Panchu Ram Mandal, Pheku Basak and Mohijur, and Nepalese national Nirjan Joshi.

DCP Arya said the men moved

from Jharkhand and Nepal to Delhi specifically for the job. "Questioning revealed the men had hatched a conspiracy to burgle the office and had knowledge of the surroundings. They began breaking the wall of the godown they had rented, which led them to the bathroom of the Manappuram office. They were caught when they were about to enter the premises," she said, adding that the locker in the office had 18 kg gold and Rs 5 lakh.

A case has also been registered against the godown owner, police said.

Man's body found in Greater Noida

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 9

AN UNIDENTIFIED body of a man, who was allegedly beaten to death, was found in Greater Noida Monday morning. With no blood at the spot and tyre tracks of an SUV leaving the area, police are investigating if the body was dumped there.

"We received information that the body of an unidentified man, in his late twenties, was found near the Yamuna floodplains in Wajidpur village. There were several injury marks on his body, especially on his face and head. A case of murder has been filed but we are yet to determine the sequence of events. A probe is on," said Bhuvnesh Kumar, SHO Expressway.

According to police, the man was well built, had a mustache and was wearing light brown pants and newly purchased boots. Given the nature of injuries, police believe he was hit on the head with a sharp object.

Police also found an Aadhaar card in his possession, which did not belong to him. A used condom found with the body has been sent for forensic analysis.

Run services until Sept 17: HC to Gurgaon Rapid Metro

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 9

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court Monday ordered the Rapid MetroRail Gurgaon Limited and Rapid MetroRail Gurgaon South Limited to continue operating the Rapid Metro till September 17. It also asked the Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited and Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) to reimburse the insurance and operation and maintenance cost of this period to the companies.

The contract between Rapid MetroRail Gurgaon and HSVP for operating the line, running from Delhi Metro's Sikanderpur station on MG Road to Sector 56 and NH-8 in Gurgaon, has already come to



Around 59,000 commuters use the line every day. Archive

an end. But services have continued since September 6 due to the HC's intervention on a plea filed by the Corporation and HSVP.

The division bench of Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain and Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi Monday said the dispute between the parties

may be resolved by negotiation. The parties have been alleging violation of agreements, leading to invoking the termination clause that came into effect last week.


"You are an Indian company. You have to help," observed the bench while addressing the

counsel representing Rapid MetroRail, after it was argued that a termination notice was given to authorities in advance but they continued to remain in slumber till the last day.

The court also made it clear that it was intervening in public interest.

Rapid MetroRail Gurgaon - a consortium comprising IL&FS Transportation & Network Limited, ENSO Rail Systems Limited and DLF Metro Limited — is facing proceedings before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.

Justice DK Jain, appointed to supervise the operation of the debt resolution process, last week approved the transfer of the Rapid Metro to Haryana authorities.



SBI State Bank of India

Danapur Branch (01254), Patna, Bihar, Pin-801503

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the date mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 day from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of said Act read with rule 9 of the said Act on the date mentioned against account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interests thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Account/ Borrower & Address	Name of Proprietor/ Partners/Guarantors/ Owner of property etc.	Description of the property mortgaged/charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
Sri Amit Kumar S/o Sri Shiv Shankar Prasad A/c No. 33368879522, Maner, Patna	Sri Amit Kumar S/o Sri Shiv Shankar Prasad	1. All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Sri Amit Kumar S/o Sri Shiv Shankar Prasad Sale Deed No.1011 Dated 07.02.2013, Tauzi No.-3646, Thana No.	23.04.2019	05.09.2019	₹13,89,814/- + Interest & Cost

83, Khata No.353, Plot No./63, Mauza-Bela, Paragna-Maner, Thana-Bhita, Sub-Registry-Danapur, Area-10
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Place : Patna
Date : 05.09.2019

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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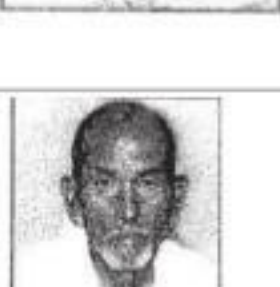






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5. Name: Smt. Kamlesh @ Usha, Name of Husband: Unknown, Age: 60 years, Dark complexion, Round face, Medium built, Height: 5 feet. She is unable to tell her address due to mentally illness.		13. Name: Shri Tanna Lal, Name of Father: late Shri Chhuti Lal, Age: 75 years, Dark complexion, Height: 5 feet. He is mentally weak, Unable to move and walk and tells his son's name Sh. Rajendra and address Riwara, Distt. Sonapat, Haryana.	
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8. Name: Smt. Sudama, Name of Husband: Sh. Khilwan, Age: 65 years, Fair complexion, Medium physique, Height: 5 feet 2 inches, White hair, Round face. She tells her son's name Vicki and address Mangolpuri.		16. Name: Smt. Phoolwati @ Jawantri, Name of Husband: Sh. Saroop chandra, Age: 65 years, Wheatish complexion, Medium built, white-black hair, Height: 5 feet 1 inch. She tells her son's name Sh. Charan Singh, daughter's name Savitri and address Meerut, U.P.	

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GOING GREEN

ESCHEWING SINGLE-USE plastic having become the new mantra of the government, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has ordered all offices under his ministry to stop using such plastic. Gadkari, who also holds the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises portfolio, has suggested that indigenous products be used instead — such as locally produced clay tumblers and plates.

PAYBACK TIME

THE CRISIS in Haryana Congress appears far from over. Former Haryana Congress president Ashok Tanwar not only skipped the event at the state Congress headquarters on Saturday when Kumari Selja took charge of the party's Haryana unit, he has also not responded to telephone calls from Selja, former CM and his bete noire Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and even Ghulam Nabi Azad, the party's general secretary in charge of Haryana. Former Haryana CLP leader Kiran Choudhry also skipped the event. Those close to Tanwar say he did not get any cooperation from Hooda and Selja all these years when he was the state chief, and that Hooda and his supporters never attended meetings convened by the Tanwar. It is perhaps pay-back time for Tanwar.

GONE QUICKLY

GOING BY the speed with which Tripura Central University vice-chancellor V L Dharurkar's resignation was processed, and accepted, over the weekend, it seems the HRD Ministry was more than happy to let him go. The resignation, offered days after a purported sting video showed Dharurkar accepting a bribe, was received by the ministry on Saturday afternoon, and was processed and sent to the President for acceptance the same day. The President's approval came within 24 hours — on Sunday.

100 DAYS OF MODI GOVT

Munda hails scrapping of J&K special status

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, SEPTEMBER 9

UNION TRIBAL Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said the scrapping of the special status has opened doors for Kashmir and that “one rule and one law” across the country will give people of the Valley all “benefits” of the Indian Constitution.

Munda was speaking at a press meet in Ranchi on the completion of 100 days of the Narendra Modi government. “Now the country will have one rule and one law and all arrangements, facilities, benefits, fundamental rights in Constitution will now be available to the people of Kashmir. This is a great achievement for the people of Kashmir and for the entire country.”

He also recounted that he had gone to Leh in Ladakh and people had overwhelmingly supported the revocation of special status. “The response was

unimaginable,” he said.

Highlighting the achievements of the Narendra Modi government, Munda said 35 Bills have been passed in Parliament in the first session after the government was formed. “Ruling and Opposition parties participated in the debate. Bills like Triple Talaq, scrapping of Article 370 and amendment to POC SO Act were supported from across party lines,” he said.

He added that in the first term of the government, the economy moved from 2 trillion to 2.45 trillion and now a new target has been set by the Prime Minister. He added that the government has planned to spend Rs 1 lakh crore on infrastructure development in the country and that India has improved its Ease of Doing Business ranking.

Munda added that government has given an approval to set up 462 new Eklavya residential schools for tribals on the lines of Navodaya schools and they will be completed in the next three years.

‘Now people of J&K feel they have got freedom’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 9

THE ABROGATION of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and its bifurcation into two Union territories will enable the region to benefit from the Centre's education-related schemes, scholarships and grants, Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD), Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, said on Monday.

Presenting a 100-day report card of the second term of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre, Nishank, in his home state, said that the move had given people in J&K a feeling of “freedom”. “Aaj Jammu-Kashmir ke logon ko mehsoos hota hai ki unko azadi mili hai. Chand logon ke haathon me Jammu-Kashmir aisa gulaam sa ho gaya tha. (Today the people of J&K feel they have got freedom. The state had become like a slave because of a few people.)” Pokhriyal said.

Students in J&K will now be

able to get benefits provided under the Right to Education Act and the mid-day meal scheme, he said. Free books, transport, scholarships and grants will also now be accessible to them, he added. New schools like the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya for girls will be opened in different parts of the region, he said.

“We have already initiated the process on a war-footing to take the benefits of Right to Education upto the ground level in the region. We are also opening a campus of IIM in Srinagar,” Pokhriyal said.

About the other programmes taken up by his ministry, Pokhriyal said students have already planted more than one crore plants under the ‘one child, one tree’ initiative and have so far saved at least 230 crore litres of water in the first 23 days of a water conservation-related programme.

Pokhriyal also defended the hike in penalties on traffic violations introduced in the new Motor Vehicle Act and said the move will help prevent road accidents.

As PM heads to US, plans afoot to schedule meeting with Trump

Modi to address annual UN General Assembly session on September 27

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AS PRIME Minister Narendra Modi heads to the US to attend the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), plans are afoot to schedule a visit to Washington DC for a meeting of the Prime Minister with US President Donald Trump, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Modi is likely to leave for the US on September 21 and will first travel to Houston and then to New York from September 23 to 28.

While he is planning to spend five days in New York, plans are being explored for a day-long visit to Washington DC and a bilateral meeting with the US President at the White House.

The Indian Express has learnt that Delhi and Washington are looking at September 25 and 26 as possible dates for the visit and



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a bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and the US President.

If it works out, then this will be his third visit to the White House in the last six years and third meeting with Trump this year. Modi had last visited White House in June 2017 when he met Trump. He went to the White House in September 2014 when

then US President Barack Obama had hosted him.

The Prime Minister will address the annual UNGA session on September 27 and Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan is expected to follow the same day.

As Prime Minister, Modi had given his maiden address to world leaders at the UNGA in 2014. His visit in September and address to world leaders at the UN will be the first after winning a second term as Prime Minister.

Before arriving in New York for the UNGA, Modi is scheduled to address the Indian diaspora in Houston on September 22. “Howdy, Modi!”, the Indian-American community summit, will be hosted by the Texas India Forum, the Houston-based non-profit.

In a bid to implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres will host the 2019 Climate Action Summit on

September 23 which will be addressed by Modi.

During his stay in New York, Modi will be felicitated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for his leadership of the Swachh Bharat Mission. He will be presented with the 2019 Global Goalkeeper Award on September 24.

As the world commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, Modi will also host a special event ‘Leadership Matters: Relevance of Gandhi in the Contemporary World’ on September 24 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber in the UN Headquarters.

He will also be the keynote speaker at the Bloomberg Global Business Forum on September 25.

During his visit to New York, Modi will also inaugurate the Gandhi Peace Garden, an innovative initiative to commemorate Gandhi's 150 birth anniversary this year.

Govt sets up panel to divide assets of J&K between 2 UTs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday constituted a three-member advisory committee under the chairmanship of former defence secretary Sanjay Mitra to divide the assets and liabilities of the state of Jammu and Kashmir between the two Union Territories it has been bifurcated into.

The other members of the committee include former special secretary, GST Council, Arun Goyal and Controller General of Accounts Giriraj Prasad Gupta. While Mitra is a retired IAS officer of the West Bengal cadre 1982 batch, Goyal is a retired 1985-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer. Gupta is a retired ICAS officer who was appointed as CGA last August.

“As per Section 84 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act 2019, the assets and liabilities of the existing State of Jammu and Kashmir have to be apportioned between the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territory of Ladakh according to the various provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019. The apportionment of the assets and liabilities of the existing State of Jammu and Kashmir shall be subject to the recommendations of a Committee constituted by the Central Government,” a Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) order said.

As per Section 85 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, the central government establishes one or more Advisory Committees for apportionment of the assets, rights and liabilities.



Union Minister Prakash Javadekar with Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, Amina Jane Mohammed at the COP 14 in Greater Noida on Monday. PTI

ing space technology in multiple actions including land degradation and we will be happy to help other countries to combat it through cost effective space technology,” he said.

It was also announced that India will set up a global technical support institute for the member countries of the UNCCD for their capacity building and support regarding land degradation neutrality, which has been defined by the parties to UNCCD as a state whereby the amount and quality of land resources, necessary to support ecosystem functions and services, remains stable or increases within specified temporal

and spatial scales and ecosystems.

The opening session of the segment was also addressed by Environment minister Prakash Javadekar, UN Deputy Secretary General Amina J Mohammed, UNCCD Executive Secretary Ibrahim Thiaw and Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Javadekar, who is the new COP president, said India was fully committed towards achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs). “We have already achieved half the target of installing 175 gigawatt of renewable energy by 2022,” he said.

Congress in touch with BSP for Haryana tie-up, Tanwar hits out

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE CONGRESS is said to be in touch with the BSP for an alliance for the upcoming Assembly polls in Haryana but the move has divided the party's state unit. Training guns at Bhupinder Singh Hooda, former PCC chief Ashok Tanwar said the Congress will get the Rajd vote on its own if the Kanshi Rams and Mayawatis in the party are shown respect.

Tanwar argued there was no need for an alliance with the BSP, which he said has been losing ground in every election. There are unconfirmed reports that newly-appointed Haryana Congress president Kumari Selja and CLP leader and election management committee chief Hooda met BSP president Mayawati on Sunday night. Both of them denied the reports.

Unhappy with the seat-sharing formula, Mayawati had on Friday announced breaking of ties



Former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda

with former Hisar MP Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janta Party, triggering speculation that she and the Congress may join hands to fight the BJP. Chautala had offered 40 of the state's 90 Assembly seats to the BSP.

Tanwar, who was replaced with another Dalit leader Kumari Selja, last week told *The Indian Express* that “there was no need for an alliance with the BSP”.

“The BSP has lost ground in every election. The graph of the BSP has gone down in every election since 2009. In the last Assembly election, the BSP got



Former state Congress chief Ashok Tanwar

5.5 per cent. In the Lok Sabha election, it came down to 3.5 per cent. Moreover, the BSP had entered into alliances with three-four parties in the last one year itself. So the credibility factor has gone,” he said. He said the people of Haryana don't trust the BSP, be it the “poor, Dalits or others”.

Hitting out at Hooda, he said “there is no need for an alliance with the BSP”. “Instead take care of Kanshi Ram and Mayawati in your house...Mend your behaviour with them. Instead of worshipping those outside, give respect to the Kanshi Ram and Mayawati in your house. Stop

the pressure tactics and goonda-gardi. Dalit votes will come on their own.”

The factional feud in the Haryana Congress is far from over after the change in leadership last week. Both Tanwar and former CLP Kiran Choudhry skipped a welcome meeting organised for Selja and Hooda at the HPCC headquarters in Chandigarh on Saturday. “When Tanwar was the state Congress president... there was no talk of alliance with the BSP. Now that he has been removed, they have suddenly remembered Dalits and felt the need to reach out to the BSP,” one HPCC leader close to Tanwar said.

According to estimates, Dalits comprise around 20 per cent of the state's population and among the 37 Scheduled Castes, Chamar, Balmiki and Dhanak communities together constitute over 80 per cent of the SC population of the state. Chamar are numerically the largest — constituting over 50 per cent of the state's SC population.

Nitish should move to Centre, leave Bihar to BJP and JD(U) second rung: BJP leader

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 9

SENIOR BJP leader and former Union minister Sanjay Paswan on Monday said Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar “should now move to the Centre” and leave Bihar to “BJP and the second-rung JD (U) leadership”. Paswan said BJP had been “upset” at the JD (U) not “getting support from alliance partner JD(U) on NRC”.

A former president of the BJP SC Morcha and currently an MLC, Paswan told *The Indian Express*, “Nitish Kumar has now been the Chief Minister of Bihar for over 13 years and there should be a change now even if it is a change for the sake of change. Nitish Kumar has done very well as Chief Minister but should now move to Centre and leave Bihar to BJP and second-rung JD (U) leadership”.

Asked about the immediate provocation for his statement, Paswan said, “The way our alliance partner JD(U) is not supporting us on NRC is not good. We hold there should be NRC in Bihar as well. JD(U) had been also criticising on us NRC in a veiled manner. While we are refraining from any direct criticism of JD(U), we are not too happy with what some JD(U) leaders are saying on NRC”.

Paswan had been indirectly referring to JD(U) national vice-president Prashant Kishor's criticism of NRC on Twitter.

Paswan also took on JD (U)'s “posture politics” keeping Nitish at the centrestage of the state politics. “We do not know where these posters are coming from.



Bihar MLC Sanjay Paswan

There has not been any NDA meeting and Assembly election is sometime away. It looks to be the JD(U)'s sole decision to play up Nitish Kumar's leadership again... I personally think that Nitish Kumar should now take to the Centre and consolidate the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Let there be a change now.”

Asked about BJP leader and deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi recently reiterating that the NDA will fight the 2020 polls under Nitish Kumar's leadership, Paswan said, “What I am saying is my personal opinion.”

JD (U) national spokesperson KC Tyagi told *The Indian Express*, “We wonder why some BJP leaders are making such statements. The top leadership of BJP should rein in the likes of Paswan. We do not criticise BJP top leadership and they should also respect our leader in the best spirit of coalition. We differ on some issues and it is well-known. They have their constituencies to cater to and we have our own. But when Prime Minister Modi keeps praising Nitish Kumar's leadership, why do such leaders like Paswan speak up.”

Tyagi said BJP should remember that the JD (U) had supported them in Rajya Sabha on over a dozen issues.

After RJD's ‘defeatist’ barb, JD(U) comes up with new slogan

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 9

IN THE wake of criticism from the Opposition, the JD (U) has replaced its “*thikke to hai Nitish Kumar*” poster with another that reads “*Kyun karen vichar, jab hai hi Nitish Kumar*”.

The older poster has been removed from outside the JD (U) office in Patna and replaced with the new one. The previous poster read, “*Kyun karen vichar, thikke to hai Nitish Kumar*”, meaning, “why consider others when Nitish Kumar is doing fine”. Soon after it was put up, the RJD called it “defeatist”.

The Opposition party came out with its own poster, “Humne kar liya hai vichar, 2020 me Tejashwi Sarkar (We have decided, it will be a Tejashwi government in 2020)”. Stepping up the poster war, JD (U)'s Hayaghat MLA Amarnath Gami lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi by putting up two big posters at Darbhanga that read “*kyun karte to abhi se chinta, 2020 me bhi ba-jega Modi ka danku* (Why worry from now, Modi will prevail in 2020 too)”.

A JD (U) leader said, “We thought our poster slogan should be clearer and aggressive. Our new poster reassures voters of Nitish Kumar's continued presence as the Chief Minister.” He said the poster had been put up at the party office now and could be displayed elsewhere too.

Meanwhile, the Congress has created a flutter by expressing reservations on the RJD's move to project Tejashwi Yadav as the Opposition's Chief Minister

EXPLAINED

Cong begins posturing

CONGRESS, WHICH was the only Grand Alliance party to win a Lok Sabha seat in the last election, has started posturing against the RJD by being non-committal on Tejashwi's leadership of the alliance. The Congress knows RJD is going through its worst phase and it can afford to exert some pressure. The party, which will be eyeing more seats to contest in the next Assembly polls, has given an early jolt to its senior ally.

Food ministry seeks alternative packaging for drinking water

New Delhi: Supporting the ban on single-use plastic, Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan asked manufacturers of packaged drinking water, like Pepsi and Coca Cola, to come up with alternative packaging in the next three days.

He informed that an inter-ministerial committee, under the chairmanship of Cabinet

secretary, has been formed to look into the issue of banning single-use plastic in one go or in a phased manner.

Paswan on Monday held a meeting with bottled water industry and various government departments to find a suitable alternative for single-use plastic bottles for drinking water. **PTI**



NORTH

Murder case against IAS officer withdrawn

Lucknow: Ruling out a murder angle, Lucknow Police on Monday withdrew an FIR against IAS officer Umesh Pratap Singh in connection with the death of his wife, Anita Singh, on September 1. Lodged after a police complaint by Rajiv Kumar Singh, Anita's lawyer cousin, the FIR had alleged that Umesh murdered his wife because she was opposed to his alleged extra-marital affairs. SP (North Lucknow) Sukirti Madhav said after considering all evidence, including witness statements and a forensic opinion, police had concluded that it was not a murder. "That's why the FIR was expunged," he said. **ENS**



Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu meets with a delegation of French Parliamentarians led by Sophie Primas, the Chair, Senate Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, in New Delhi on Monday. **PTI**

EAST

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee discharged from hospital

Kolkata: Former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee was on Monday discharged from a private hospital in Kolkata, where he was admitted last Friday after he complained of breathing trouble and his blood pressure fell drastically. "Mr Bhattacharjee's health condition is stable. He is conscious, alert and talking. We will provide him necessary care at home," a senior official of the Woodlands Hospital stated. Bhattacharjee suffered an exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), last Friday. According to PTI, of late, he is losing his vision also. **ENS**

WEST

Over 90 dogs killed, dumped in Maharashtra forest

Nagpur: Over 90 dogs were found killed and dumped in a forest in Buldana district on September 6, police said on Monday. Buldana SP, Dilip Bhujbal, said, "The dogs were found dead and their legs and mouth were found tied with ropes in the Girda forest. Local forest officials brought it to our notice. We registered an offence under Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals Act and relevant sections of the IPC and the Maharashtra Police Act." Bhujbal further said, "We have sent teams to Jalna and Aurangabad to find out if the act was committed in their municipal limits. Municipal bodies carry out campaigns. But it is difficult to guess why they were killed with such cruelty," he said. **ENS**

SOUTH

Toddler survives fall from car inside dense forest in Kerala

Idukki: A one-year-old toddler had a miraculous escape after she accidentally fell off a moving vehicle on a road inside a dense forest here and crawled to a nearby checkpoint in Rajamala, police said on Monday. The girl, sitting on her mother's lap, fell off the vehicle on Sunday night after her parents, exhausted

by the journey, had dozed off. They had travelled several kilometres when they realised that the child was missing, officials said. Wildlife officials at the checkpoint heard the child's cries and found her on a forest path which is often used by wild animals, including elephants, they said. **PTI**

Sexual harassment cloud over Goa Univ gender studies staffer

SMITA NAIR

PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 9

A TRAINING consultant for the Department of Women's Studies in Goa University is a former student who was accused by a classmate from 2017 of sexually harassing her and later faced an internal probe, records reviewed by *The Indian Express* show.

Records show that the consultant, As'ad Shah, is a "Specialist-Training" with the department's state resource centre since September 7, 2018. Shah has been accused of having told Japanese students on "at least 12 occasions" in May and June 2017, during a study tour in Japan, that his then Indian course mate wanted to buy a sexual accessory. "She wants it... please help her," he reportedly said.

In 2018, Shah completed a paper titled "Gender Sensitisation Intervention for Change" during his Masters programme. His current role involves liaising with the state on training and capacity building for women, conducting field trips across schools and colleges and engaging

with children, teenagers and teachers on "gender sensitisation and gender equality".

Records show the charges against Shah were taken up by the university's seven-member Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), which closed the probe citing delay by the victim in reporting the case. But it noted: "...the fact however remains that the Respondent (Shah) has uttered the words in question". The complainant accused Head of Department Shaile Desouza and Assistant Professor Mamta Kumari of "covering up the victim's grievances" and "humiliating and causing mental torture for having raised the complaint" and "blocking grades". The HoD has also been accused of making the victim narrate the episode before other faculty and the accused, against her will.

On May 9, 2019, Registrar Professor Y V Reddy forwarded the ICC's recommendation to Shah. "...to caution you to exercise restraint and to use language in moderation and without offence in your day to day conduct and dealings with women and children, and to uphold the dignity of

women of all ages and respect the opposite gender," it said.

On the complaint against the HoD, the ICC recommended that "the heads of departments and person holding other statutory positions in Goa University should be vigilant and should endeavour to promote the purpose of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in letter and spirit". Alleging that her complaint was "trivialised", the victim has also appealed against the "confusing ICC order" to the chairperson and members of the university's executive committee. In the appeal, she wrote that allowing Shah, "a serial offender", to continue as a mentor-trainer to "vulnerable women" sets a precedent, which "will make students not raise any complaint in the future and will embolden persons who commit acts of sexual harassment".

Calling for "No Tolerance towards Sexual Harassment", she questioned the ICC for having "conducted its inquiry in isolation" and in "complete ignorance of the #metoo movement where complaints with delay have been

dealt with all seriousness in institutions like TISS and Ambedkar University".

Shah did not respond to two emails sent by *The Indian Express* seeking his comment.

Responding to queries from *The Indian Express* on Shah's appointment as consultant, the Registrar's officer stated: "As regards role/job responsibility assigned to Mr. Shah by the University, it is informed that Mr. Shah is appointed as Specialist Training under the State Resource Centre for Women in the Department of Women studies. His appointment is upto 11/11/2019. Further, it is informed that the recommendations of the Preliminary Inquiry/ fact finding conducted by the Internal Complaints Committee of the Goa University has issued warning letter to Mr. Shah."

HoD Desouza stated: "I have not been given a copy of the complaint, the statements or the ICC report so cannot comment on the same. Since the complainant had apparently included me in her allegations, I promptly recused myself from the hearings..."

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SIT to reopen seven 1984 riots cases; NDA leaders target Nath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

A SPECIAL Investigation Team (SIT) set up by the Union Home Ministry will reopen seven cases related to 1984 anti-Sikh riots, including one involving killing of two men outside Gurdwara Rakab Ganj, where Congress leader Kamal Nath, now the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister, was allegedly present at the time of the incident.

These seven are cases where the accused were either acquitted or the trial closed, an official notification said.

Calling it political vendetta, Nath's media coordinator Narender Saluja said, "He has neither been named in any FIR nor is there a court case pending against him. The matter is being raised after 35 years only because he is the CM of Madhya Pradesh.... The matter is being raised again only because he (Nath-led Congress) defeated the BJP in MP."

Demanding Nath's resignation, Delhi MLA Manjinder Singh Sirsa alleged that while the Congress leader was never named in the FIR registered in the case, he had "given shelter to five people accused in one of the seven cases". Sirsa also said two witnesses in the case — Sanjay Suri and Mukhtiyar Singh — are ready to record their statement.

Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal also demanded Nath's resignation.

Harsimrat tweeted, "Reopening of the case against Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath in the 1984 Sikh Genocide is a victory for the Sikhs. This is the result of our sustained efforts to reopen cases wrongfully deemed as solved.



Madhya Pradesh CM Kamal Nath is not named in the FIR

Now, Kamal Nath will pay for his crimes. Now that the case against Kamal Nath has been reopened, he should be removed from the post of Madhya Pradesh CM. Case witnesses should be given protection as they get ready to depose..."

Nath's aide Saluja asserted that the Sikh community has been associated with the Congress leader in "large numbers", including in MP. He said, "No matter how many times he is investigated, he will emerge untainted. He has been a Union minister and held several important positions.... Where were these witnesses for 35 years? Was there any evidence against him? If there was, was the government sleeping so far?"

The ministry notification states that the SIT has taken up the discharged cases for scrutiny. The seven cases include those registered in 1984 at police stations in Delhi's Vasant Vihar, Sun Light Colony, Kalyanpuri, Parliament Street, Connaught Place, Patel Nagar, and Shahdara.

The SIT has issued public notices asking individuals and organisations to provide information related to these cases.

The SIT has so far reopened around 80 cases registered in connection with anti-Sikh riots that followed the assassination of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Last year, Congress leader Sajjan Kumar was sentenced to life for his role.

(WITH INPUTS FROM
ENS, BHOPAL)

Maharashtra nod to quota in MBBS seats for rural service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE MAHARASHTRA government on Monday decided to reserve seats in medical colleges for doctors serving in the public sector.

The state Cabinet sanctioned a proposal of reserving 10 per cent seats in undergraduate courses and 20 per cent seats in postgraduate courses as an incentive for students willing to put in compulsory regular service in rural, tribal, and rural government institutions for seven and five years, respectively.

The proposal was one among 37 decisions cleared by the Devendra Fadnavis Cabinet. With the model code of conduct for the Assembly polls expected to kick in soon, most of these were aimed at reaching out to various sections of voters.

Sources said that the plan to reserve seats in medical courses was to take advantage of the competition and desire among students to opt for admissions to medical colleges for improving rural recruitment of doctors and specialists.

Following the Cabinet nod, the state medical education department will now approach the state legislature for approval to the draft legislation. Sources said that the plan is to implement the incentive scheme from the next academic year.

A senior official said that re-



Devendra Fadnavis

cruiting and retaining qualified doctors in rural and tribal areas is a major challenge.

In the state, medical and dental graduates, postgraduates and super-specialty students from government-run colleges are required to spend a year at a state-run rural healthcare centre after the completion of their course. Students who don't do so must pay a fine.

Other decisions at the Cabinet meet included a waiver of loans secured by farmers in Vidarbha and Marathwada from private moneylenders.

Till now, farmers could only avail waivers of loans taken from banks or government-approved sources.

While officials claimed the waiver amount may run into about Rs 200 crore, the government underlined that it was a "one-time relaxation".

Other decisions included a nod to revised costs for five major dam projects, including one that would bring additional water to Mumbai.

72 yrs later, hope of 'home' for Sindhi migrants in state

SANDEEP ASHAR

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

NEARLY 72 years after they fled Pakistan in the course of Partition and made refugee camps across Maharashtra their home, relief is finally around the corner for descendants of Sindhi migrants, as the state Cabinet on Monday gave plans for the redevelopment of these age-old low-rise colonies a boost.

The Cabinet set up a ministerial sub-committee under Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil to formulate rules for the regularisation of an accommodation where the migrant family has illegally transferred the same to a third party. The government, which has been overseeing maintenance of these settlements since 1971, has started giving citizenships and ownership rights of homes to families residing in these colonies.

Sources said that non-regularisation of accommodations, where the benefit was illegally transferred, earlier came in the way of redevelopment of such colonies.

About 30 lakh Sindhi migrants had settled in 31 refugee camps across Maharashtra. Sources said most buildings are now in derelict condition. Their redevelopment, officials said, had become necessary for rea-

sons of safety.

Once regularisation is carried out, sources said that the initial proposal is to redevelop five such settlements in Mumbai. These five colonies collectively occupy 280 acres; the camps in Mulund and Sion Koliwada — spread over 100 acre each — are the largest among them. Around 60 acres is occupied by the Sindhi camp in Chembur and 10 acres each by the Thakkar Bappa Colony (Chembur), and the Wadia Trust Estate Refugee Camp in Kurla.

In all, 5,000 families reside in these settlements, sources said.

The plan is to redevelop these colonies on the lines of the redevelopment of Bombay Development Directorate chawls in central Mumbai, where a floor space index of 5 has been extended for the revamp. The chawl residents have been promised bigger sized apartments on ownership basis.

For the redevelopment plans to proceed, the state will first have to take over these land from the Centre. While the maintenance of the colonies was vested in the state in 1971, the ownership continues to be with the Centre.

On Monday, the state also accorded citizenship to 23 people who had emigrated from Pakistan. An official communication stated that the beneficiaries were from Jalgaon, Aurangabad, Amravati and Kolhapur.

Cong, JD(S) target BJP over flood relief funds

Bengaluru: The opposition Congress and JD(S) have questioned the ruling BJP in Karnataka on Prime Minister Narendra Modi not addressing the issue of flood relief during a weekend visit to Bengaluru.

"Despite coming to Bengaluru, the BJP was unable to take the PM to flood-affected parts of the state... The Chief Minister's position is so weak that he is unfortunately unable to ask for funds from the Centre..." former CM HD Kumaraswamy said. "The BJP had promised that the PM will review the flood situation... Nothing was discussed, nor any package announced," state Congress president Dinesh Gundu Rao said.

Senior BJP leader BL Santhosh said a recommendation of the quantum of flood relief is expected very soon. **ENS**

MP govt studies plan on new photo ID for citizens

MILIND GHATWAI

BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 9

THE MADHYA Pradesh government is studying a proposal to provide an identity card to all the state's residents, in a bid to cut down the need for carrying multiple documents, a minister said on Monday.

According to MP's Minister of Public Relations, PC Sharma, the photo-identity card will sport a unique number and basic details like name, address and phone number of the holder, along with a QR code.

Sharma said it was meant to remove the need for multiple documents to avail benefits of various government schemes.

"For example, students will not have to carry many documents, neither will farmers and those seeking caste certificates.

They will need just one card and it will be linked to their Aadhaar card. Such a concept has not been implemented anywhere in the country. Chief Minister Kamal Nath is brainstorming over it," Sharma told reporters, dubbing the project concept as "one state one identity".

However, he did not provide further details.

A bureaucrat told *The Indian Express* that "the concept has not been firmed up yet. It will take a lot more thinking."

RTI activist Ajay Dubey, however, said the concept was flawed and a violation of Supreme Court guidelines. "When there are restrictions on the Aadhaar number, what validity will the proposed card have? It has the potential to violate privacy. We will challenge it, as and when the concept is implemented," he said.

TELANGANA

Pawan Kalyan, Cong leaders ask parties to oppose uranium mining in tiger reserve area

SREENIVAS JANYALA

HYDERABAD, SEPTEMBER 9

JANASENA PARTY president K Pawan Kalyan and several Congress leaders, including former MP V Hanumantha Rao, on Monday asked all parties in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to collectively oppose the proposed uranium mining in the state's Amrabad Tiger Reserve.

The reserve is spread across Nallamalla forests in the state.

Kalyan said that uranium mining would generate radon, a product of radioactive decay of uranium, which can cause lung cancer and kidney problems.

Rao called Kalyan at the JanaSena Party office in

EXPLAINED

Why forest officials oppose survey

THREE OF four blocks in which the Department of Atomic Energy has approved survey and drilling of boreholes are in the core tiger protection area. An inspection report by Amrabad Tiger Reserve's field director has opposed the proposed exploration and drilling at the site. "...flora and fauna will be adversely affected and a lot of disturbance will be caused for wildlife..." the report states.

Hyderabad on Monday and sought his support. "People of two Telugu states will be affected because of uranium mining and Krishna water will get polluted. The uranium polluted water is

particularly harmful to pregnant women. The Chenchu tribes living in the forest have already brought the issue to JanaSena Party's notice," Kalyan said.

He said the party will discuss

with scientists and environmentalists how Krishna river water may get polluted and what are the health implications of drinking water contaminated with radon. "An all-party meeting on the ill-effects of uranium mining will be organised," Kalyan said. Rao said uranium mining is a serious issue for both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. "Due to effluents generated from uranium processing being discharged in the Krishna river, people from the two Telugu states would face serious health issues. The bio-diversity of Nallamala would be affected and the animals would face life-threat," he said.

Telangana forest officials are also opposing the permission granted to the Department of

Atomic Energy (DAE) to survey and explore the area.

Despite strong objections from forest officers and wildlife activists, however, the Centre accorded in-principle approval to mining on May 22. The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), DAE, had submitted a proposal to survey and drill boreholes in four blocks of the reserve.

Three of the four blocks are inside the core tiger protection area known as Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary within the Amrabad Tiger Reserve.

The agency plans to drill more than 4,000 holes.

"The aim is to establish uranium deposits in these areas," the DAE said in its proposal.

Vikram lander not broken, in tilted position on Moon: ISRO

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 9

CHANDRAYAAN-2’S lander Vikram is broken but lying tilted on the surface of the Moon after a hard landing very close to the scheduled touchdown site, an ISRO official said on Monday.

Efforts are underway to see whether communication can be re-established with the lander but chances of that could be bleak with full system functionality a prerequisite to restoring contact, officials explained.

Contact with Vikram, which encases the rover, Pragyan, was lost in the early hours of September 7, when it was just 2.1 km above the lunar surface and seconds before touchdown.

“The lander is there (on the Moon) as a single piece, not broken into pieces. It’s in a tilted position,” an Indian Space Research Organisation official associated with the mission said.

Images sent by the orbiter’s on-board camera shows that though the lander hit the lunar surface hard while landing, it is still very close to the scheduled touchdown site. “We are making all-out efforts to see whether communication can be re-established with the lander,” the official said.

“An ISRO team is on the job at the ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (IS-TRAC),” he added.

The Chandrayaan-2 mission involved an orbiter, lander (Vikram) and rover (Pragyan). The mission was aimed at the Vikram module making a soft landing on the Moon’s uncharted south pole.

The mission life of the lander and rover is one lunar day, which is equal to 14 Earth days.

ISRO Chairman K Sivan said on Saturday that the space agency would try to restore link with the lander for 14 days. He reiterated the resolve on Monday after the orbiter’s camera spotted the lander on the Moon.

However, another ISRO official said chances of restoring a

link with the lander were bleak since system functionality was a prerequisite.

“Unless and until everything is intact (in the lander), it’s very difficult (to re-establish contact). Chances are less. Only if it had a soft-landing, and if all systems functioned, could communication can be restored. Things are bleak as of now.”

Another space agency official added that there might be some chances of restoring communication but there are limitations too.

He recalled ISRO’s experience of recovering spacecraft that went out of contact in geostationary orbit but said the Chandrayaan-2’s lander case was different.

In this case, “that kind of operational flexibility is not there” since it is already on the lunar surface and cannot be re-oriented, he said.

A vital aspect is the positioning of antennas and these have to be pointed towards either the ground station or the orbiter, he said.

“Such an operation is extremely difficult,” he said, adding that we will have to keep our fingers crossed.

The lander’s generating power is not an issue since it had solar panels all around it and encompasses internal batteries as well which are not used much, the official said.

Vikram carried three payloads—Radio Anatomy of Moon Bound Hypersensitive Ionosphere and Atmosphere (RAMBHA), Chandra’s Surface Thermo-physical Experiment (ChaSTE) and Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity (ILSA).

Had the lander operation been successful, India would have been the only country to land on the Moon’s unexplored south pole as part of the Rs 978 crore Chandrayaan-2 mission conceived a decade ago.

KOLKATA METRO CORRIDOR

Demolition begins, 500 evacuated after buildings damaged during tunnelling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 9

KOLKATA METRO Rail Corporation Limited (KMRCL) Monday began demolishing five buildings, which developed major cracks and were beyond repair, during an underground tunnel boring work at Durga Pithuri Lane in Bowbazar.

As per officials, an expert team has analysed the extent of damage and the buildings will be demolished in such a way that it has no impact on other structures in the area.

Sources said KMRCL contractor ITD Cementation is carrying out the task.

Officials said the demolition will take some time due to the narrow lanes in the area. Removal of debris seems to be an uphill task, said an official.

The residents had to sign a no-objection certificate before



A resident of Durga Pituri Lane at Bowbazar with items from his damaged house in Kolkata. Partha Paul

KMRCL began demolishing the buildings.

According to sources, a four-member committee was formed

to examine the condition of the damaged buildings before they are demolished. The buildings, which are partially damaged,

will be repaired.

More than 500 people were evacuated from around 50 buildings in Bowbazar area after they developed cracks and some of them collapsed during East-West Metro’s tunnel-boring work on August 31. There were no injuries, but the Metro authorities stopped the tunnel-boring work 14 metres under the surface indefinitely.

The affected residents have been moved to hotels at the expense of the KMRCL. As many as 19 affected families have already received compensation cheques of Rs 5 lakh, as promised by the KMRCL.

As per reports, the machine that was boring the tunnel, through which Howrah Maidan-bound trains will run, apparently hit a sand aquifer (an underground layer of water-bearing sand), resulting in massive settlement that caused the damage.

RSS: Reservation must continue as long as there are disparities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 9

THE RASHTRIYA Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Monday said that reservations should continue as long as there is untouchability along with social and economic disparities.

Speaking to reporters at the conclusion of a three-day coordination meeting of the RSS in Rajasthan’s Pushkar, joint general secretary of the outfit, Dattatreya Hosabale, said, “As long as there is untouchability, social disparities, and beneficiaries of the system of reservation feel that they want it, it should continue.”

He termed the recently finalised National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam a very “complicated and complex” issue but welcomed the government’s move to prepare the list.

“A large number of infiltrators from Bangladesh have come in and because they were staying for the past 30-40 years, they got

many documents such as ration cards and their names in voter lists during the previous governments,” said Hosabale.

He said the government should remove mistakes from the NRC and decide its next course of action. “NRC report is not a law in itself. This is a report and on the basis of it the government should decide its further steps,” he said.

On the subject of detention of elected politicians from Kashmir after the abrogation of J&K’s special status under Article 370, Hosabale said the Centre can take steps to ensure that nobody incites the public. “During the Emergency, to save one’s chair, several stalwart leaders... were jailed. That was to save one’s chair, but this has been done for their well being,” Hosabale said.

On the run for 35 years, ex-Armyman held in UP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 9

ABSCONDING FOR the last 35 years and wanted in two murder cases, a 75-year-old former Army jawan was arrested from a village in Etah on Sunday.

Shripal Singh had been on the run since he jumped parole in 1984, police said.

What brought him under the police radar again was his attempt to extort Rs 2,500 from a shopkeeper during one of his visits to his native village Simrai under Raja Ka Rampur police station limits on Saturday.

The shopkeeper filed a police complaint against Shripal, leading to his arrest near Simrai, said Ram Avtar Singh, station house officer of Raja Ka Rampur police station.

Before his arrest, the former jawan had been lying low with

75-year-old was wanted in two murder cases

his three sons and wife in Delhi’s Najafgarh area, and worked as a security guard there.

Retired from the Army in 1983, Shripal was arrested for allegedly shooting his neighbour Shyam Pal Singh dead in Simrai on June 13, 1984.

“Sahabh Singh, the father-in-law of Shyam Pal, lodged a police complaint against Shripal and four others. Police arrested all the five accused and sent them to jail. In December, 1984, Shripal got a 15-day parole,” said Ram Avtar Singh.

Shripal jumped parole and killed Sahabh, he said. On the direction of a court, Shripal’s property was attached in 1985.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh. Rakesh Goyal son of Late Sh. Trilok Chand Goyal aged 46 years Resident of Plot No.5, Rajeev Nagar Phase III, Begumpur, Delhi-86 has disowned and debarred his wife Smt. Mittushi Goyal aged 43 years, daughter Kirtika Goyal, and son Harshit Goyal from his all immovable and moveable properties and breaks off his all relations with them as my client has lost faith and control upon them. He has already been staying alone for more than 2.5 years. If anybody has any relations or transactions in any manner in present or future with them, then my client would not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for any acts and deeds.

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Whereas, Orris Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Had granted License no 59 of 2013 dated 16-07-2013 for setting up a Residential Plotted Colony over an area measuring 101.081 acres in Sector - 89/9 Gurugram by Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh.

And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/entered into purchase agreement for allotment of property in the said Colony (hereinafter referred to as allottees).

And whereas, the Layout plan earlier approved at the time of grant of license for the said colony is now proposed to be revised.

And whereas, the office of Director General, Town and Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objection against the revision of Layout Plan as pre-condition for allowing such revision in the Layout Plan.

Accordingly, vide this Public notice objections are hereby invited from any of the allottees in the said colony on the proposed revision of the Layout Plan of the said colony. A copy of the earlier approved Layout Plan to be read with 59 of 2013 dated 16-07-2013 and the Layout Plan now proposed to be revised bearing memo no LC-2638 -F/AD (RA)/ 2019/ 21099 dated 04.09.2019, is available for perusal on our Website (www.Orris.in) The said Layout Plan can also be perused at the office of undersigned at J-10/5, DLF City Phase II, Gurugram - 122002, Haryana as well in the office of District Town Planner (Planning) at Huda Complex, Sector - 14, Gurugram, Haryana

Any allottee having any objection on revised Layout Plans, may file his objection in the company office as well as office of District Town Planner, at HUDA Complex, Sector- 14 Gurugram, Haryana within 30 days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the Layout Plans.

Gurugram For, Orris Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
10-9-2019 Authorized Signatory (Kapil Sharma)



NOTICE No. 10/September/2019
Enlistment/ Registration of Vendors/ Contractors for Supply/ Services in the CIDC – Construction Industry Database

CIDC was established as an autonomous council by the Planning Commission (Now NITI Aayog), Govt. of India and the Indian Construction Industry, to introduce system improvements in the construction industry. Members of CIDC include, PFC Ltd, HUDCO, BHEL, HDFC, Engineering Projects (India) Ltd., LIC Housing Finance, NBCC Ltd, BPCL, RITES, E-in-C's Branch (Army HQ), Airports Authority of India Ltd, Central Warehousing Corporation, CPWD, GAIL, NTPC Ltd, NHPC Ltd, Engineers India Ltd., ONGC, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Railways etc.

Keeping in view, the focus of the government, on providing impetus to infrastructure development, a tremendous opportunity exists in the development process of supplying goods & services to the major Project Owners & their Contractors & Service providers. To meet the same, CIDC is preparing a National Database of stakeholders across South Asia.

With increased focus on use of Pre-Fab / Pre -Engineered buildings, Hindustan Prefab Limited and CIDC have now decided to together enlist potential organizations who have the required domain knowledge & expertise for executing various projects.

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Application for registration along with forms duly completed in all respect should reach latest by **5th October 2019** to the address mentioned below.

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M/s. Shri Kishor Singh, S/o Vijay Singh, Chadayal Nayak, Post-Haripur, Tehsil-Haldwani, Distt. Nainital द्वारा Vill - Talla Sanyuda, Tehsil & Distt. Bageshwar में Soap Stone Mining (Area-2.261 Ha. में 16473 टन प्रति वर्ष) हेतु पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति के लिये लोक सुनवाई का प्रस्ताव उत्तराखण्ड पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, देहरादून के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया है। प्रस्ताव के लिये वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के द्वारा Terms of Reference निर्धारित किये गये हैं, जिनके अन्तर्गत प्रस्तावक के द्वारा पर्यावरण प्रभाव मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट एवं पर्यावरण प्रबंधन योजना आदि तैयार कर प्रस्तुत की गयी है। वन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा जारी ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना 14.09.2006 के अनुसार उक्त प्रकार की परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन से पूर्व लोक सुनवाई का प्राविधान है, जिस हेतु 30 दिनों का नोटिस समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से जन साधारण के संज्ञानार्थ दिया जाना आवश्यक है। लोक सुनवाई हेतु “पैनल” की संरचना उक्त अधिसूचना के अनुरूप निम्नवत् है :-

- जिलाधिकारी, जनपद, बागेश्वर या उनके द्वारा नामित प्रतिनिधि जो अपर जिलाधिकारी स्तर से कम पद का न हो, लोक सुनवाई के अध्यक्ष।
- उत्तराखण्ड पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड के प्रतिनिधि।

परियोजना से सम्बन्धित जमा समस्त अभिलेख क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय-देहरादून मुख्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, देहरादून, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, हल्द्वानी; कार्यालय जिलाधिकारी, बागेश्वर; कार्यालय जिला पंचायत, बागेश्वर; जिला उद्योग केन्द्र, बागेश्वर एवं कार्यालय नगर पालिका, बागेश्वर में उपलब्ध है जिनका कोई भी इच्छुक संस्था / व्यक्ति अवलोकन कर सकता है। पर्यावरण प्रभाव मूल्यांकन रिपोर्ट के सारांश की प्रति www.ueppcb.uk.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध है।

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अतः सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि अपने-अपने क्षेत्र से सम्बन्धित परियोजना के प्रस्ताव के सम्बन्ध में अपने मौखिक, लिखित, सुझाव, टीका-टिप्पणियाँ एवं आपत्तियाँ इस कार्यालय अथवा बोर्ड के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, यू.ई.पी.सी.बी., हल्द्वानी में इस सूचना से सम्बन्धित विषयानु प्रकाशन की तिथि से 30 दिनों के अन्दर प्रेषित कर सकते हैं अथवा लोक सुनवाई के समय भी प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं।

सदस्य सचिव
उत्तराखण्ड पर्यावरण संरक्षण एवं प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड।

Inputs on possible terror attack in south India: Army

SUSHANT KULKARNI
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 9

SOUTHERN ARMY Commander Lieutenant General S K Saini on Monday said there are inputs about a possible terror attack in southern and peninsular India.

He also said that enhanced capacity-building measures have been undertaken in the Sir Creek region due to heightened threat perception after some abandoned boats were recovered from the area.

Lt Gen Saini was speaking on the sidelines of a foundation stone-laying ceremony on the Army Law College campus at Kanhe near Pune.

Asked about security deployment by Pakistan in Sir Creek region between the two countries during an interaction with media, Lt Gen Saini said, “We have got many inputs that there may be a terrorist attack in southern part of India and peninsular India. As far as Sir Creek region is concerned, some abandoned boats have also been recovered in the area. We have undertaken measures for capacity building and capability development in the area of Sir Creek, keeping in mind the enhanced threat perception. We are taking precautions to ensure that the designs of inimical elements or terrorists are stalled and they do not get the success they are wishing for.”

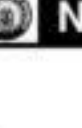
Asked about the situation in Jammu and Kashmir after the government’s move on Article

370, he said, “Any conflict which is in the sub-conventional domain, has got both internal and external dimensions. In the case of J&K, the external dimension is much more pronounced than the internal dimension. We have a very clear-cut policy based on which have been resolving insurgencies. The government takes a comprehensive view of every conflict and undertake political, economic, social and diplomatic measures to resolve it. Army’s role is to create conducive conditions for such initiatives by the government. At the moment, Army is fully geared for any contingency which arises as far as J&K is concerned.”

On a question about remarks by certain leaders in Pakistan, including on the use of nuclear weapons, Lt Gen Saini said, “Such threats do not change the way we function and we are ready for any situation.”

There is a long pending dispute between India and Pakistan about the demarcation of boundaries in the Sir Creek region. While Pakistan has claimed a major chunk of the region, India’s stand has been that international rules should be applied to resolve the issue.

The comments by the Southern Army Commander come weeks after Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh had said in Pune that there were intelligence inputs about an ‘underwater wing’ of the Jaish-e-Mohammad conducting training to carry out attacks on India.





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निविदा सूचना

हरियाणा विधानसभा आम चुनाव, 2019 के लिए जिला झज्जर के चुनाव कार्य के लिए स्टेशनरी, वीडियोग्राफी, डिजिटल कैमरा, सी.सी.टी.वी. कैमरा, टैप्टेज, फ्लैक्स/ बैनर/ प्रिंटिंग इत्यादि से संबंधित सामान की आवश्यकता होगी। झज्जर जिले के सभी चार विधानसभा निर्वाचन क्षेत्रों नामतः 64- बहादुरगढ़, 65-बादली, 66- झज्जर (अ.ज.) व 67- बेरी के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आगामी विधानसभा आम चुनाव तक रेट काटिक्य हेतु आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

ऑनलाइन निविदाएं दो प्रणाली (Two Bid System) के आधार पर खोली जाएंगी तथा अनुबंध पश्चात आगामी विधानसभा आम चुनाव तक प्रभावी होंगे। वेबसाइट के रजिस्टर्ड यूजर द्वारा <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> वेबसाइट से निविदा किए जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ :-

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- रफक बोलीदाता को नियमानुसार सिक्कोरिटी उपयुक्त एवं जिला निर्वाचन अधिकारी, झज्जर के नाम जमा करवानी होगी।

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PERSONAL

No.Ex.Jc747726A, Rank Subedar, Name Ch Haranath of Vizianagaram A.P.is hereby changed my spouse's name asChalumuri valaraxmi instead of G Varalaxmi 0130012545-1

My Son BHAVIT minor, age 13 S/O KAMAL KISHOR R/O C-134, Gokul Puri, Delhi- 110094 have changed name to BHAVIT KISHOR. 0020392715-1

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination certificate of main senior Secondary Examination of year-2014 and Roll.No. 5168675, issued by CBSE has been actually lost Name of the candidate : Danish Akhter Full Address/ Tel E-12/13, 2nd Floor Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, Okhla New Delhi-110025.Mob-9871923951. 0040511678-8

It is for general information that I, Komal Malhotra W/o Sunil Malhotra R/O-25-A Gali No-8, Indira Park Ext., Chandler Nagar, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, informs that name of mine has been wrongly written as Suman Malhotra in my minor daughter Tanya (14-Years) Birth Certificate, School Record. The actual name of mine is Komal Malhotra which may be amended accordingly. 0040511709-2

It is for general information that I, K.R.Balaji S/O Late R.Kasturirangan R/O-Qtr-77 Tupe-2 Sec-8 R.K.Puram New Delhi inform that name of my minor daughter has been wrongly written as B.Rupal aged 17years in her School Record.The actual name of My minor daughter is Rupal which may be amended accordingly. 0040511786-3

It is for general information that I, Devesh Panwar S/O Jaipal Singh Residing at-Riwari(4),Chang,Bhiwani, Haryana-127027,declare that name of my minor Son TEJAS PARMAR aged-14 Years has been wrongly written as TEJASVI PANWAR in his Birth Certificate, and TEJASVI in his school educational documents.The actual name of my minor Son is TEJAS PARMAR which may be amended accordingly. 0040511678-2

I, Sunaina Seth W/o Anil Kanth Seth R/o,Plot-19, Sector-32, 3rd-Floor,Pocket-19, Sector-24,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have declare that in my Class-10 Certificate, my name mention as Sunaina Malhotra and after marriage I have changed to Sunaina Seth.In future I,will be known as Sunaina Seth for all purposes. 0040511678-1

I, Mrs. Aneet Kassal W/o-Mr. Sanjeev Kassal, Aged 47Yrs, R/o-C-222, Defence Colony,New Delhi-24, Do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under: I am the law abiding citizen of India.I spell my name as Mrs. Aneet Kassal and not Aneet Kassal. I am not depositing falsely. 0040511678-6

I,Devendra Kumar S/o Ratan Singh R/o.Flat.No.1103,Star Court-6,J.P.Greens,Greater Noida,U.P.,have changed my Son's name from Chetan Pratap Singh to Chetan Baisla for all future purposes. 0040511678-4

I, hitherto known as Vidyawati D/o Hari Ram D. Nainani W/o Sunder Gyanchandani residing at Flat No.148, Akkriti Apts, Sector-4, Plot-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-78 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vidya Gyanchandani. 0040511718-1

I, hitherto known as V Parameswari, W/o Duraisamy Viswanathan, R/o S-126/588, Kanak Durgula-Colony, Sector-12, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Parameswari Vellaiyan. 0040511706-5

I, hitherto known as D Viswanathan, S/o Mr.P Duraisamy, R/o-S-126/588, Kanak Durgula-Colony, Sector-12, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110022 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Duraisamy Viswanathan. 0040511706-6

I, ZEBA, D/o Abdul Rahim, residing at E-157, Vijay Vihar Phase-1, Sector-4 Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to ZEBA MALIK for all future purposes. 0040511661-1

I, Yogesh S/o Sh.Sahab Singh R/o-165D Z,Block,New Roshan Pura,Najafgarh,New Delhi,have changed my name to Yogesh Choudhary for all future purposes. 0040511678-7

I, Virendar Kumar S/O Lichhman Singh R/o H.No. 853 Huda, Sec-3, Rewari(HR)-123401, have changed my name to Virendar Kumar Yadav. 0040511715-3

I, Usha Rani W/o Suresh Aggarwal R/o.164, Pocket B-10, Sec-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Usha Aggarwal permanently. 0040511706-2

I, Uma Anurag W/o Dr. T.S. Anurag R/o S-2/107, Shree Dwarkadhish CSH Ltd., Bangur Nagar, Goreganj (W), Mumbai-400 090, do hereby informs that I have changed my name from Uma Ramaswamy to Uma Anurag after my marriage w.e.f. 20th April, 2009, for all future purposes. 0040511682-1

I, Tanya Sagar D/o Sandeep Sagar R/o Flat No.92 C2C Pocket-2, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Taanya Sagar. 0040511744-2

I, TANVIR JAHAN W/O IQBAL AHMED, R/o H. No.1411, Haveli Kallu Khawas Bazar Chitli Qabar, Jama Masjid, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to TANVEER JAHAN. 0040511663-1

I, Surajpat Singh S/o Sh. Prahlad Singh R/o New extn colony, Teh. and Distt. Palwal confirms that Suraj & Surajpal Singh both are my name. I also confirm that my son's real name is Sachin.Thats true. 0040511715-2

I, Sukrita Kaul W/O-Anshuman Gupta R/O-Flat No-20, (Samaj-Kalyan-Apartment), Plot No-10, Bodella Phase-2, F-Block, Vikaspuri, N.Delhi-110018, CHANGED MY NAME AFTER-MARRIAGE TO Sukrita Kaul Gupta. 0040511740-7

I, Sonia Kumar D/O Late Mahinder Kumar R/o 61133/34, Gali Ravi Dass, Nari Karam, Pahar Ganj, ND-55, have changed my name to Soniya Kumar. 0040511666-1

I, Somveer S/o Late Sh.Ranbir R/o:137, Village-Ujwa, New Delhi-110073, Intimate That My name Shyambeer Wrongly Mention In My Daughter's Name As Tannu School-Document Instead Of Somveer. 0040511702-7

I, Saroj Kumar W/o Rajender Verma R/o- E-122, Krishan-Vihar, Nithari, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Saroj Verma. 0040511706-7

I, Sanjeev Narula S/o Sita Ram R/o F-350 Old Seemapuri, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Narula. 0040511662-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o-Sh. Jagdish Kumar R/o-House No.170, Gali No.2, Part-2, Jharoda Mazra, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Sanjeev Verma for all purposes. 0040511703-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Ashok sachdeva R/O-E-78, Top-Floor, Mansa-Ram Park, Uttm-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Sachdeva. 0040511786-4

I, Sanjay Chauhan S/o Jai Prakash Chauhan R/O-65, Sansad-Vihar, West-Enclave Pitampura, Delhi-110034, changed the name of my minor son, Kavy Chauhan to Kartik Chauhan. 0040511706-4

I, Sidhharrth A Sehrawat S/o Amitabh Verma R/O-210 Vaishali-Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Siddharth Sehrawat. 0040511702-2

I, Sana d/o Shamim Ahmed H.no-155, Urban estate, sector-14, Gurgaon have changed my name to sana Parveen. 0040511744-3

I, Rupamati,D/o-Late.Lallu Ram,W/o-Ramesh Kumar, R/o-Village-Jharsa,Distt-Gurugram, have changed my name from Rupamati to Roopwati for all purposes. 0040511744-10

I, Ravi Kumar Wadhwa/ Ravinder Wadhwa S/O- Ayodhya Prasad R/O-39/B, GaliNo-2, East-Azad-Nagar Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051.Have Changed My Name To Ravindra Kumar Wadhwa. 0040511740-2

I, Ram Prasad S/O, Harihar Prasad R/O RC 944, Gali No.4, Prakash Nagar, Khora Colony, Ghaziabad (UP)-201001, have changed my name to Siriam Prasad. 0040511655-1

I, Rajiv Shrivastava F/o Raghav Shrivastava R/o 2523/24, Nai Wara Chawari Bazar Delhi-110006 inform that me and my son name wrongly written in my son school record Admission No.15323 as Raghav Shrivastava S/o Rajiv Shrivastava. 0040511708-1

I, Rajesh Goel S/o Hira Lal Goel R/O-3845/9 Kanhaiya-Nagar TriNagar Delhi-35 changed my name to Rajesh Kumar Goel. 0040511740-1

I, Rajender Kumar S/o Ram Gopal R/o-E-122, Krishan-Vihar, Nithari Sultnapuri, C-Block, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Rajender Verma. 0040511706-9

I, Radha D/o Bhagwan Sahay Dhawan R/o H.No.48, Satya-Niketana, Moti Bagh-II, New Delhi-21, have changed my name to Radha Dhawan, for all future purposes. 0040511702-5

I, Pushpinder Singh Banga, S/O Tejinder Singh, R/O M27, Road No 4, New Mahabir Nagar Delhi-18, changed My Name To Pushpinder Singh. 40511744-5

I, Pratik Jain S/o Naval Jain R/O A-22, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011 have changed my name to Prateek Jain. 0040511744-8

I, Prabhat Kumar bhartiya S/O-Shishupal Rustagi R/O-904, Emrald-2 Gardenia-Glamour, Sector-3-Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201012.Have Changed My name,from Prabhat Kumar Bhartiya to Prabhat Kumar. 0040511740-6

I, Partap Kumar Singh S/o-Jagar Nath Singh R/o-Telephone-Exchange, RZ-66, Gali.No.3, main Dabri-Extn., Palam-Road, Dabari-Extn. Delhi-110045., have changed my minor Daughter name,from Shitel Singh to Sheetal Singh, for all purposes. 0040511740-5

I, Saroj W/o Kanwar Singh Yadav R/o Village & Post - Karoli, Distt. Rewari Haryana-123303 have changed my name from SAROI to SAROI YADAV vide affidavit dated 09/08/2019 040511513-1

I, Paramjit Singh Chandhoke S/o Bir Bhadur Singh Chandhoke R/o House No.-658, Sector-28, Noida(U.P.), have changed my name from Parmjit Singh Chandhoke to Paramjit Singh Chandhoke for all future purposes. 0040511671-1

I, Pappu Yadav S/o Pataru R/O-KH.No.156, Old Bank Wali Gali, Rithala-Village, North West Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Pintoo. 0040511702-6

I, Pankaj Gupta S/o Shyam Behari Gupta R/o H. No. 780/6, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have changed my minor daughter's name Niyati to Niyati Gupta for all purposes. 0040511715-1

I, Neelu Banga W/O Pushpinder Singh R/O-M27, Road.No.4, New-Mahabir Nagar Delhi-18, changed My Name To Dipleen Kaur. 0040511744-6

I, Naveen S/o Neeraj R/o H.N. 25 Gali No.-1, Rajeev Colony Narela, Delhi-40, have changed my name to Naveen Kumar for all purposes. 0040511650-1

I, Mukhvinder Kaur Saini W/o Vikram Chawla R/o-House No-80,Ground floor, Bhera Enclave, Paschim-Vihar, West Delhi, have change my name Mona Chawla for all purposes. 0040511744-4

I, Mohd Asad S/o Shahabuddin R/O A-123 Gali No-2, Phase-1, Brijpuri Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Mohammad Asad Saifi. 0040511662-2

I, Mohd Arif S/o Mohd Hanif, R/O F-87 West Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Mohd Arif Saifi. 0040511662-4

I, Mohammed Haseen S/o Abdul Aziz R/o-D-5, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohammed Hasin for all purposes. 0040511709-1

I, Mohammad Saleem Ansari S/O-Ali Hasan R/O-C-64 Gali No-1 Karawal-Nagar Road Chand-Bagh Dayalpur Delhi-110094,Have Changed My Name Mohd Saleem To Mohammad Saleem Ansari, For All Futthure Purposes. 0040511740-8

I, Mehar Jahan W/o Zakir Hussain R/O C-1/39 Sharma Colony Phase-2, Budh Vihar, Sultnapuri C-Block Delhi-86, informs that the name of mine has wrongly written as Parveen in my minor daughter Fiza in her school records. The actual name of mine is Mehar Jahan. 0040511705-1

I, Meena Singh W/o Late Gangra Prasad Singh R/O-H.No.D-4 Palika-Niwasi Lodhi-Colony, New Delhi-110003 my Date-of-Birth-01/11/1967, for all purposes and my four Children namely Vishal Singh, Annpurna Singh, Lavlesh Singh and Neha Singh. 0040511799-3

I, MOHAMMAD IQBAL QUERESHI S/o Mohammad Ibrahim R/o Plot No.438, Phase-1, Shahzada Bagh Inderlok Delhi-35 have changed my name to MOHAMMAD IQBAL for all purposes 0040511697-1

I, Kunwar Singh S/o Shri Inder Baksh Singh R/o/8/456, Kichhipur, Patparganj, Delhi-110091, have changed my name from Pappu Singh to Kunwar Singh for all future purposes. Also informs that Pappu Singh and Kunwar Singh is one and same person. 0040511674-1

I, Krishan Kumar Vohra S/o Surinder Kumar Vohra R/o 2/450 (T.F.) Subhash Nagar New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Krishan Vohra. 0040511745-1

I, Abdul Wahid Qureshi S/o Addul Salam Address-313/44 B-22, Inner-loc Delhi-110035, changed my Minor daughter name IQRA TO IQRA QURESHI. 0040511706-1

I, Abhishek Kumar Tripathi S/o Kamlapati Tripathi R/o 208/21A, Top Floor, Savitri Nagar, New Delhi-110017 have changed my name to Abhishek Tripathi for all purposes. 0040511676-1

I, Abdul Wajid Ali S/o Nanney Miyan R/o B-6/9, B-6, Kabir Nagar, Delhi-110094 have changed my name to Wajid Ali for all future purposes. 0040511653-1

I, Satvinder S/o Ashok Kumar R/oH.No.26/1, Block-A, Ambika-Enclave, Nihal-Vihar, Nangloi, Nilothi, Delhi-110041. Have changed my name to Satvinder Kumar for future purposes. 0040511744-9

I, Jitendra Kumar S/o Raju Singh R/o Flat No.1404, ACE City, Plot No.1, Sector-1, Noida Extension, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201306 have changed my minor son's name from Tijil to Tijil Vardhan. 0040511683-1

I, Jahidur Rahaman S/o Sh. Gulamur Laskar R/o M-392, First Floor, Raghubir Nagar, New Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Jahedur Rahaman Laskar for all purposes. 0040511690-1

I, IFSANA W/o Farman Ahmed R/O-16, Gaffar Manzil-II, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to AFSANA for all purposes. 0040511664-1

I, Harbhajan Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh R/o-D-5 Type-2nd New Police Line Kingsway Camp Delhi-110009 changed my name to Gurmeet Kaur. 0040511702-1

I, Gaurav Kumar S/O Rajender Verma R/O-E-122, Krishan-Vihar, Sultnapuri, C-Block, Delhi-110086 have changed my name to Gaurav Verma. 0040511706-8

I, Diwan Chand Arya S/o Bachhi Ram R/o H.No-196, Gali No-1, Opposite-Suresh Park, Krishna Nagar, Modinagar Ghaziabad, U.P.-201204, have changed my name to Diwan Chand. 0040511652-1

I, Devendra Kumar S/o Ratan Singh R/o.H.No.1103,Star Court-6,J.P.Greens,Greater Noida,U.P.,have changed my daughter name from Lavanya Shakti to Lavanya Baisla for all future purposes. 0040511678-3

I, Chandan Kumar R/o Flat No 5, Second Floor, Nala Market, West Patel Nagar, ND-08, have changed my minor son's name from Aayush Raj to Ayush Kumar. 0040511656-1

I, Bhagwan Sahay S/o Bansil Lal Dhawan R/o-H.No.48, Satya-Niketana, Moti-Bagh-II, New Delhi-21, have changed my name to Bhagwan Sahay Dhawan, for all future purposes. 0040511702-8

I, Beerendra Kumar Parashar R/o RZ-240 Rajnagar Part 2 Palam Colony New Delhi-77 would like to correct my name from B. K. Parashar to Beerendra Kumar Parashar in School Record of my son namely Shrey Parashar of KV Sec-8 RK Puram New Delhi-22 0040511687-1

I, Aysha Begum D/o Jai Ram R/o 337/A, Gali No.12, West Guru Angad Nagar, Laxmi Nagar Delhi-92 have Changed My Name From Aysha Begum to Treeza for all future purposes. 0040511673-1

I, Asif Ali R/o Servant Quarter, 5-A Kuwait Embassy, Shanti Path Chankyapuri, Delhi-110021, have changed my minor son name Abdullah to Abdullah Asif Ali. 0040511662-3

I, Ashutosh Barua S/o Pradeep Barua R/o Gali No.3, front of Police Station, Shankar Vihar Colony, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name from Ashutosh Barua to Ashutosh Barua for all future purposes. 0040511658-1

I, Ashpreet D/o Sardaar Pardeep Singh R/o-19A, Pandit-Park Extn., Street No.3, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Ashpreet Kaur. 0040511706-3

I, Ashish S/o Chetan Prakash R/O-B-S-105, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88 Have Changed My Name To Ashish. 0040511702-4

I, Ankush Jain R/o D-I, Sector-61, Noida 201301, UP, have changed my minor daughter's name from Pari Jain to Prapti Jain for all purposes. 0040511657-1

I, Anil Kumar Nandkishore Agrawal S/o- Nandkishore R/O-Flat No.48, Gulab Vihar Apartments, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085 informs to all my & my son's name wrongly-written in my minor son (Ayush) School-Record as Anil Kumar & Ayush Anil Kumar instead of Anil Kumar Nandkishore Agrawal & Ayush. 0040511701-1

I, Anil Kumar Marwaha,S/O Late Shri.Lahori Lal R/O-flat no.102, Pocket-14, Moon-Light-Apartment, Sec-20, Rohini, Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Anil Kumar, for all purposes. 0040511799-2

I, Amida Devi D/o Brjnnandan Singh Yadav, R/O-42, Kalyani-Appkt, Sec-4, Plot No-31, Dwarka,N.Delhi, -CHANGED My Name To Amida Devi. 0040511799-4

I, Alpana spouse of No.15585193P NK Nicht Shrikant Gorakhnath, Resident of Village-Vadner Khurd,Tehsil-Shirur, Disttt.-Pune, Maharashtra-412218 have changed my name from Alpana to Alpana Shrikant Nicht vide affidavit dated 09/09/2019 before Notary Public Delhi. 0040511745-1

I, Abdul Wahid Qureshi S/o Addul Salam Address-313/44 B-22, Inner-loc Delhi-110035, changed my Minor daughter name IQRA TO IQRA QURESHI. 0040511706-1

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I, Kulwinder Singh S/O Amrik Singh R/o CA/49B Janta Flat Hari Nagar New Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Kulvinder Singh. 0040511786-1

I, Gurpreet Singh Bakshi S/o Jasbir Singh Bakshi R/o-9/99 Rajouri-Garden New Delhi-110027, have changed the name of my minor daughter Gurmehak Bakshi aged 14years and she shall hereafter be known as Gurmehak Kaur Bakshi. 0040511786-2

I Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Shri Nath R/o A-331, Mangol Puri, Delhi-110083 have changed the name of my minor son from Pasi Bhavesh Kumar Anil Mridula to Bhavesh for all purposes. 0040511646-2

I Ashmeet Kaur Bakshi D/o Manjit Singh R/O D-161, first-floor, Fateh-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Ashmeet Kaur.,for all purposes. 0040511702-3

Ajay Kumar, S/o Sh.Kameshwar Singh R/o-H.No.30, Gali No-7, Vikrant-Vihar, Mohan-Garden, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, Have Changed My Name to DHANANJAY KUMAR, for All Future Proposes. 0040511740-4

T Sunil Kumar alias Sunil Kumar Aggarwal S/o Darshan Lal Aggarwal R/o G-4/137, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Aggarwal. 0070673581-1

T,K.M.Mahesh (Kunnamkumarath Muralidharan Mahesh)S/o Kunnamkumarath Muralidharan R/O House No. 3143A, Housing Board Colony, Sector-3,Ballabgarh Dist. Faridabad-121004, (Haryana) have changed my name to Mahesh Nair for all future purposes 0070673586-1

I, Aakash Deep, S/O Ramesh Chander Patpatia R/O H.NO.A-71, First Floor Front Side, Ashoka Enclave Part 2, Sector-37, Faridabad-121003, Haryana, have changed my name from Aakash Deep to Aakash Deep Patpatia for All Future Purposes. 0040511651-1

T, Saral Kumari D/o Devi Charan and W/o Mohammad Infran Ilahi, residing at House No-26, Pinjore, Panchkula, Haryana-134102, have embraced MUSLIM and renounced HINDU with effect from 12-04-2014 and also have changed my name from Saral Kumari to Salika. 0070673577-1

T, Manpreet Singh S/o Daljeet Singh R/o Ward No-12, Canal Colony, Mallanwala, Ferozepur, Punjab-152021, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Manpreet Singh Khinda in my Passport : H7332706. The actual name of mine is Manpreet Singh 0070673579-1

T, Harish Kumar Tiwari S/o Narayan Dutt Tiwari, R/O Quarter Number-144, Second Floor, Type-1, Block-A, Minto Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Harish Tiwari in my minor son Sarthak Tiwari aged 14 years in his School Records. The actual name of mine is Harish Kumar Tiwari 0070673585-1

I, Divya D/o Preet Singh and W/o Inder Sain Gupta R/o 15-B, Gali No-5, Gupta Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Pritam Bansal in my Pan Card Number FMBPD0239L. The actual name of my father is Preet Singh. 0070673582-1

I Manju Rani D/o Mahabir Singh R/o House No-306/22, Arya Nagar Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Yashika 0070673583-1

I Rajni Kant S/o Chuni Lal R/o Village Bheoh, Post Office Karkot, Teh- Bhoranj, Distt-Hamirpur, HP-176048, have changed my name to Razy Angaria 0070673584-1

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying Examination certificate of main senior Secondary Examination of year-2014 and Roll.No.5168675 issued by CBSE has been actually lost.Name of the candidate Danish Akhter Full Address/Tel-E-12/13,2nd Floor,Okhla,New Delhi-110025.Mob-9871923951. 0040511702-10

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Shri Rajender Kumar S/o Shri Banwari Lal & Dewki W/o Sh. Rajender Kumar both R/o. 1405, Sector-5, Rama Krishna Puram, Delhi-85, has disowne their son Parveen Kumar, his wife Babita Verma and their Daughter Riya, from their all moveable and immoveable properties and severed all their relations with them as they are not in the control of my clients. My clients will not be responsible for their any acts and deeds in future

TELLING NUMBERS

Eradicating malaria by 2050: why study says it can be done

A REPORT in *The Lancet* concludes that it is possible to eradicate malaria as early as 2050 — or within a generation — with the right strategies and sufficient funding. The report, published by The Lancet Commission on malaria eradication, used existing evidence with new epidemiological and financial analyses.

Lower incidence, many cases

Since 2000, global malaria incidence and death rates declined by 36 and 60 per cent, respectively. In 2017, 86 countries reported 219 million cases and 4,35,000 malaria deaths, down from 262 million cases and 8,39,000 deaths in 2000. Today, more than half of the world's countries are malaria-free.

However, there are over 200 million cases of malaria reported each year, claiming nearly half a million lives. Malaria cases are rising in 55 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

There is also inequity, with 29 countries (27 in Africa) accounting for the large majority of new cases and 85 per cent of global deaths in 2017. Two countries (Nigeria and Democratic

Republic of Congo) account for 36 per cent of global cases. On the other hand, 38 countries had incidences of fewer than ten cases per 1,000 population in 2017 and reported just 5% of total malaria deaths.

Modelling a world free from malaria

The report used new modelling to estimate plausible scenarios for the distribution and intensity of malaria in 2030 and 2050. Analyses indicate that socioeconomic and environmental trends, together with improved coverage of malaria interventions, will create a world in 2050 with malaria persisting in pockets of low-level transmission in equatorial Africa.

To achieve eradication by 2050, the report identifies three ways to accelerate the decline in malaria cases. First, the world must improve implementation of malaria control programmes. Second, they must develop and roll out innovative new tools to overcome the biological challenges to eradication. Third, malaria-endemic countries and donors must provide the financial investment needed.



TOP 10 BY MALARIA CASES, INCIDENCE, 2017

RANK	COUNTRY	TOTAL CASES*	COUNTRY	CASES PER 1,000
1	Nigeria	53.7 mn (25%)	Rwanda	506
2	DR Congo	25.0 mn (11%)	Burkina Faso	412
3	Mozambique	10.0 mn (5%)	C African Rep	387
4	India	9.6 mn (4%)	Mali	386
5	Uganda	8.6 mn (4%)	Sierra Leone	380
6	Burkina Faso	7.9 mn (4%)	Togo	371
7	Ghana	7.8 mn (4%)	Benin	368
8	Niger	7.7 mn (4%)	Niger	359
9	Cameroon	7.3 mn (3%)	Eq Guinea	343
10	Mali	7.2 mn (3%)	Mozambique	338

Figures in parentheses are each country's share in global cases (219 million in 2017)

Source: WHO Malaria Report 2019 via Lancet

TIP FOR READING LIST

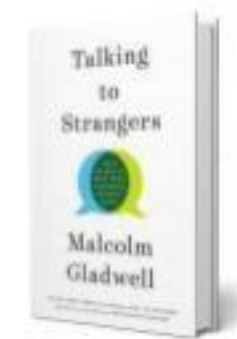
WHY WE MISUNDERSTAND STRANGERS

IN 1938, when Adolf Hitler placed German troops along the Czech border, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain flew to meet the German leader to resolve the crisis. Chamberlain came back convinced by Hitler's promise that he had no designs on Poland or the rest of Europe, and only wanted the Sudetenland part of Czechoslovakia. What made Chamberlain think he could trust Hitler? Or, for that matter, why are campus sexual assaults on the rise? American author Malcolm Gladwell addresses several such situations in his new book.

Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know is a journey through history and news stories

to argue that something is very wrong with the strategies we use to make sense of people whom we don't know. Because we don't know how to talk to strangers, Gladwell argues, we are inviting conflict

and misunderstanding. In Chamberlain's case, he writes, he "was acting on the same assumption that we all follow in making sense of strangers. We believe that the information gathered from a personal interaction is uniquely valuable". He suggests that talking to strangers requires "a willingness to look beyond the stranger, and take time and place and context into account". Which may be good advice generally, NPR notes in its review — "but some situations are just more complicated than that".



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India vs Pak at UN, since 2014

Ahead of Prime Minister Modi's address to the UN General Assembly, where Pakistan's Imran Khan is expected to bring up Kashmir again, a look at what the two countries have been saying at the UN platform

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

ON SEPTEMBER 27, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the UN General Assembly (UNGA). An address by Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan will follow. India and Pakistan do not have a fixed order of speaking at the UNGA; however, Prime Ministers speak before External Affairs Ministers.

This will be the first time since 2014 that Modi addresses the UNGA; for the 70th-73rd sessions (2015-18), it was addressed by late External Affairs Minister. The UNGA has frequently been a platform for India-Pakistan jousting, mainly over Jammu and Kashmir.

Modi is back with a stronger majority, Article 370 has been abrogated, Pakistan has been trying to bring international attention to Kashmir, and the ties between the neighbours are strained. Imran is expected to focus on Kashmir and alleged violation of human rights.

A summary of the UNGA addresses by India and Pakistan over the last five years.

2014

Modi: 'Friendship with neighbours highest priority'

There was speculation that Modi and the then Pakistan PM, Nawaz Sharif, could meet on the UNGA sidelines. They did not.

"... My government has placed the highest priority on advancing friendship and cooperation with her neighbours," Modi said in his address. "This includes Pakistan. I am prepared to engage in a serious bilateral dialogue with Pakistan in a peaceful atmosphere, without the shadow of terrorism, to promote our friendship and cooperation. However, Pakistan must also take its responsibility seriously to create an appropriate environment."

Sharif: 'We cannot draw a veil on the issue of Kashmir'

"Many generations of Kashmiris have lived their lives under occupation, accompanied by violence and abuse of their fundamental rights," Sharif said. "... The core issue of Jammu and Kashmir has to be resolved... We cannot draw a veil on the issue of Kashmir, until it is addressed in accordance with the wishes of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

2015

Swaraj: 'Give up terrorism, sit down and talk'

That year, there were terrorist attacks on a police station on the Jammu-Pathankot



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 69th session of the UNGA in 2014. PMO website

highway, an Army camp near Samba, and a police station in Punjab's Gurdaspur.

At the UNGA, Sharif proposed a new "four-point peace initiative"; Swaraj responded that only one point was needed.

"We all know that these attacks are meant to destabilise India and legitimise Pakistan's illegal occupation of parts of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and its claim on the rest of it," Swaraj said. "... India remains open to dialogue. But talks and terror cannot go together. Yesterday the Prime Minister of Pakistan proposed what he termed as a four-point new peace initiative. I would like to respond. We do not need four points, we need just one — give up terrorism and let us sit down and talk."

Sharif: '3 generations of Kashmiris saw oppression'

Earlier, Sharif had said: "Three generations of Kashmiris have only seen broken promises and brutal oppression... When I assumed office... one of my first priorities was to normalise relations with India... Yet today ceasefire violations along the Line of Control and the Working Boundary are intensifying..."

2016

Swaraj: 'Egregious abuses in Balochistan'

The year saw attacks in Pathankot and

then Uri. Pakistan raised the killing of Hizb-ul commander Burhan Wani; India responded by criticising Pakistani abuses in Balochistan.

"... The Prime Minister of Pakistan used this podium to make baseless allegations about human rights violations in my country. I can only say that those accusing others of human rights violations would do well to introspect and see what egregious abuses they are perpetrating in their own country, including in Balochistan," Swaraj said.

Sharif: 'Will share proof of India violating human rights'

"A new generation of Kashmiris has risen spontaneously against India's illegal occupation — demanding freedom from occupation," Sharif had said. "Burhan Wani, the young leader murdered by Indian forces, has emerged as the symbol of the latest Kashmiri Intifada, a popular and peaceful freedom movement... I would like to inform the General Assembly that Pakistan will share with the Secretary General a dossier containing detailed information and evidence of the gross and systematic violations of human rights committed by Indian forces in occupied Jammu and Kashmir."

2017

Swaraj: 'We produced scholars, you produced terrorists'

That year saw Kulbhushan Jadhav sen-

tenced to death by a Pakistan military court and India approaching the International Court of Justice.

Swaraj said: "On Thursday, from this dais, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi wasted rather too much of his speech in making accusations against us. He accused India of state-sponsored terrorism, and of violating human rights. Those listening had only one observation: 'Look who's talking!'"

"... Why is it that today India is a recognised IT superpower in the world, and Pakistan is recognised only as the pre-eminent export factory for terror? We produced scholars, doctors, engineers... You have produced terrorists. Doctors save people from death; terrorists send them to death."

Abbasi: 'UN must send Inquiry Commission to Kashmir'

Prime Minister Abbasi said: "Pakistan demands an international investigation into India's crimes in Kashmir. We ask that the United Nations Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights send an Inquiry Commission to occupied Kashmir to verify the nature and extent of India's human rights violations."

2018

Swaraj: 'Pakistan glorifies killers'

India cancelled a meeting between Foreign Ministers after agreeing to it. After Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi accused India of involvement in the 2014 Peshawar school attack, Swaraj responded: "We are accused of sabotaging the process of talks... Talks with Pakistan have begun many times. If they stopped, it was only because of Pakistan's behaviour... Pakistan glorifies killers; it refuses to see the blood of innocents."

Qureshi: 'Will never forget Samjhauta, Peshawar attacks'

Qureshi had said that Pakistan would "never forget the mass murder of more than 150 children in a Peshawar school [in 2014]... and many others that have links with terrorists supported by India... [as well as] the terrorist attack in India against Samjhauta Express". He said that Pakistan had in its custody "a serving Indian Naval officer, Commander Kulbhushan Yadav, who has provided us with the most incriminating evidence by accepting that he, on the instructions of his government, financed, planned and executed acts of terrorism and violence in Pakistan".

NRC numbers: what earlier estimates said

SEEMA CHISHTI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE FINAL National Register of Citizens (NRC) published on August 31 contained 19,06,657 exclusions, less than half the number of exclusions in the final draft of July 2018. The Assam BJP said it was "unhappy" with the small number of excluded persons; the All Assam Students Union (AASU) said they believed the number should have been higher.

What is the basis of the assumption that Assam actually has many more "illegals" than the NRC figure of 19 lakh?

The NRC process picked up steam after the Supreme Court order in the *Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha & Ors vs Union Of India & Ors* case (December 17, 2014).

Paragraph 13 of the order quoted from a report submitted to then President K R

Narayanan by the then Governor of Assam, Lt Gen S K Sinha, in 1998: "The dangerous consequences of large scale illegal migration from Bangladesh... need to be empathetically stressed. No misconceived and mistaken notions of secularism should be allowed to come in the way... The spectre looms large of the indigenous people of Assam being reduced to a minority in their home state. Their cultural survival will be in jeopardy, their political control will be weakened and their employment opportunities will be undermined."

It was in this backdrop, the order noted, that a writ petition was filed in 2000 by (Assam's present Chief Minister) Sarbananda Sonowal "assailing the Constitutional validity of The Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 and the rules made thereunder".

In his report, Lt Gen Sinha mentioned an answer in Parliament on May 6, 1997 by then Home Minister Indrajit Gupta, which esti-



An NRC Seva Kendra in Guwahati.

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mated 10 million illegal immigrants in all of India. The report said "Home Ministry /Intelligence Bureau source, the 10 August 1998 issue of *India Today* has given the breakdown of these illegal migrants", with "4 mil-

THIS WORD MEANS: VOLFEFE INDEX

Covfefe to Volfeffe: A way to track Trump's Twitter impact on markets

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SOON AFTER midnight on May 31, 2017, United States President Donald Trump posted one his most talked-about tweets: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe". The tweet didn't make much sense, but the non-existent word "covfefe" opened up a universe of interpretations, jokes, and memes.

For the many critics of Trump, "covfefe" rapidly became the symbol of his incoherent and erratic behaviour, which they said raised questions about the handling of both the President and of his Twitter account. A month later, a Democratic Congressman introduced legislation titled The Communications Over Various Feeds Electronically For Engagement Act (or Covfefe) Act, aimed at including the US President's social media posts under the purview of the Presidential Records Act of 1978.

Now, more than two years later, J P

Morgan, one of the largest investment banks in the world, has published a research paper introducing the "Volfeffe Index", which seeks to track the effect of President Trump's tweets on financial markets.

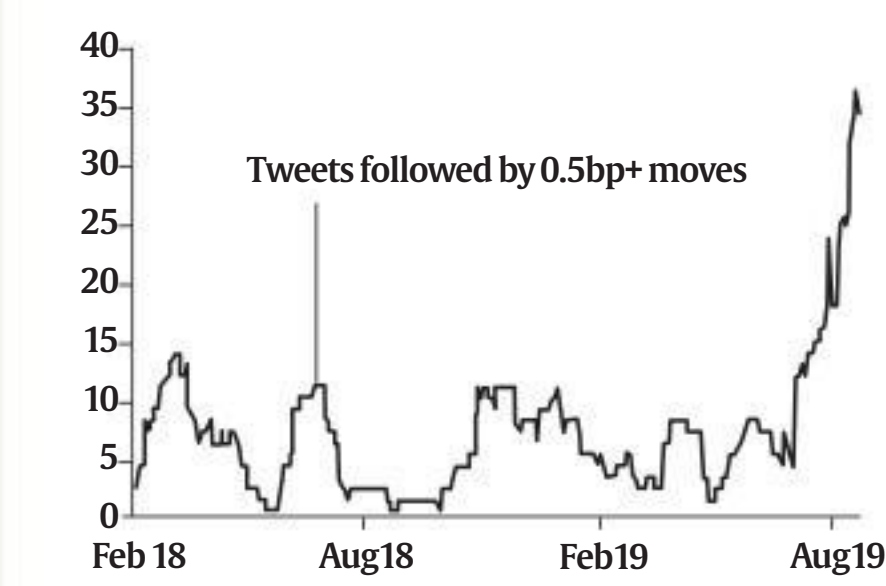
The Volfeffe Index

A standout feature of Trump's Twitter presence is the sheer volume of his tweets. According to the paper, published September 6, Trump has produced more than 10,000 tweets since taking office. More importantly, the pace of tweeting has accelerated in recent months to over a dozen non-retweets a day on his personal account.

What the analysis revealed too, was that "the subject of these tweets has increasingly turned toward market-moving topics, most prominently trade and monetary policy".

According to J P Morgan's analysts, there is now "strong evidence that tweets have increasingly moved US (interest) rates markets immediately after publication". It is noteworthy that Trump's twitter activity peaks between 12 noon and 3 pm — a

A SURGE IN MARKET-MOVING TWEETS



Source: J P Morgan

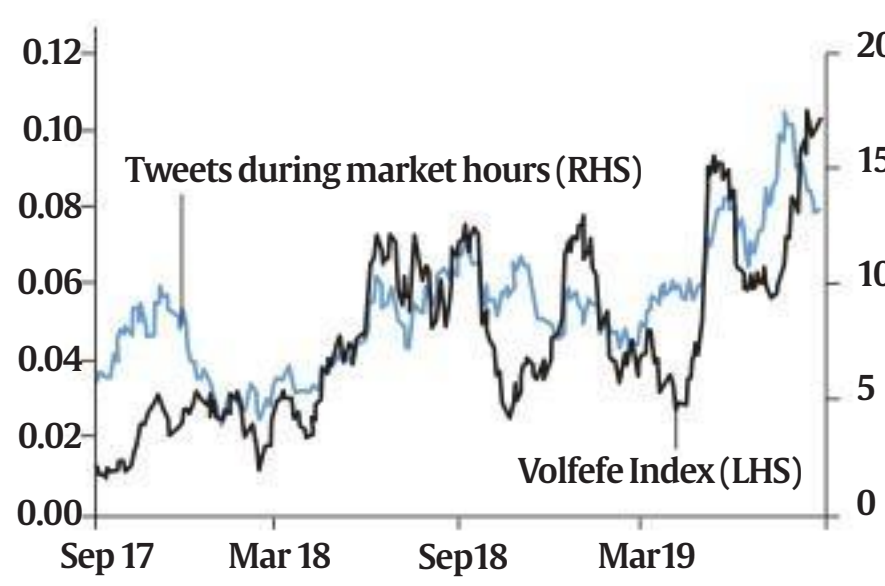
timeframe when it can move the markets the most.

But, given the volume of daily tweets — an average of 10 since the start of 2016 — how does one know which tweet is likely

to move the market and which isn't?

Hence, the Volfeffe Index, "which analyzes a rolling sample of recent tweets to judge how impactful the President's remarks have been on volatility in US inter-

VOLFEFE INDEX AT PLAY



est rates".

The analysts concede that "such an exercise is necessarily quite approximate", but claim that it nonetheless gives insight into the extent to which the President's remarks

contribute to market uncertainty.

Market-moving tweets

Analysts have defined "market-moving" tweets as those that are followed by half a basis point change in US government bond yields within five minutes of the tweet's publication. According to this metric, as Chart 1 shows, the frequency of such tweets has been going up sharply.

The analysts also tried to deduce the keywords that featured in such market-moving tweets. In the list that they drew up, 'China', 'billion', 'products' came out on top, followed by 'dollars', 'tariffs' and 'trade', and then 'inflation', 'economy' and 'reserve'.

How effective?

Chart 2 shows how the Volfeffe Index helps identify the frequency of market-moving tweets during market hours. On the whole, the J P Morgan model found that only 146 tweets out of roughly 4,000 non-retweets occurring during market hours from 2018-present were market-moving ones.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

NEIGHBOUR’S COURT

NSA Doval suggests that removal of restrictions on people in the Valley hinges on Pak behaving itself. That’s problematic

IN THE WEEKS since the revoking of special status of Jammu & Kashmir, in response to Pakistan’s repeated attempts to internationalise the matter, India’s position has remained firm and unchanged: It is an internal issue. Indeed, the government’s decision to carve the state into two Union Territories, thus centralising its governance, could also be seen to have robbed Pakistan of agency and leverage in the Valley. The world has heard since August 5 about how Pakistan was using Article 370 to foment trouble in J&K, and that that was a pressing reason to do away with it. In this context, it is a little puzzling that National Security Advisor A K Doval, in remarks during a media interaction last week, has chosen to bring Pakistan back into the Kashmir discourse in a manner that appears to return to it some of that agency.

By linking the restoration of communication and removal of other restrictions in the blockaded Valley to “how Pakistan behaves”, the NSA appeared to suggest that the neighbour still holds crucial influence in Kashmir. And that the rights of people in the Valley, that they are entitled to as Indian citizens, would hinge upon the next steps taken in Islamabad or Rawalpindi. Not only does this contradict another assertion by him in the same media interaction — that he was “fully convinced that a majority of the Kashmiris totally support” the legal abatement of Article 370 — it also seemed to be at cross purposes with the government’s other efforts to present India as the sole arbiter of Kashmir’s destiny.

As India prepares to look the world in the eye with the right words on the continued communication shutdown in the Valley at the UN at the General Assembly and Human Rights Council, the messaging will be crucial. The NSA has said that the arrested politicians and activists would be released when “the environment conducive for the functioning of democracy is created”. It is not clear who he is addressing in that remark, but it would be fair to say that as it was the Centre that suspended all political activity in the Valley, it also has the responsibility to bring it back. It seems disingenuous to point to Pakistan at this juncture, in the aftermath of a momentous decision by New Delhi that has disrupted status quo in the Valley. According to NSA Doval’s assessment, there are 230 Pakistani militants waiting to infiltrate the Valley and create trouble. It should be the responsibility of the Army, with all the resources at its command, to ensure that they do not enter. But the sins of Pakistan cannot be a reason for punishing India’s own.

SEIZE THE PACT

India must join regional trade partnership, hook into global value chains, address issues afflicting competitiveness

ON SUNDAY, TRADE ministers from the 16-nation regional comprehensive economic partnership (RCEP) group pledged to resolve their issues on the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) by November, when their leaders meet next for the ASEAN summit. So far, the Indian government has been cautious about joining this trade block. But, as pressure from RCEP members mounts, the government will have to carefully think through its strategy on trade pacts. Given the nature of global trade, joining these FTAs will not only gradually facilitate the country’s integration with global value chains, but provide greater opportunities for investment as well.

The RCEP is a proposed free trade agreement between the 10 ASEAN countries and their FTA partners, namely India, China, Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand. Once concluded, it will account for 25 per cent of the global GDP and 30 per cent of global trade. Part of India’s reluctance to join this trade pact stems from the view that the country has not benefited from its FTAs with countries like Korea, Malaysia and Japan. After these pacts came into effect, imports from these countries surged, while exports did not risen commensurately, leading to a widening of the trade deficit. India already runs a trade deficit with most of the 16 RCEP countries. Opening up its market further could worsen the situation. Large sections of India Inc are concerned that being part of RCEP would lead to an influx of more competitively priced Chinese products in both the consumer goods and industrial segments. Thus, eliminating tariffs for a significant section of traded goods is bound to face resistance from domestic industry. A slowing economy will only exacerbate such fears.

Part of the explanation for this dismal performance under FTAs can be attributed to higher compliance costs, administrative delays etc. But with India’s exports being almost flat over the past five years, shunning such trade pacts is not a prudent approach. One should be mindful that the long-run benefits from joining these trade blocks will outweigh the short-term costs. To be sure, India should negotiate concessions and safeguards for sensitive sectors. Further, the proposed tariff reductions could be phased over a five to ten-year period which will give time to the industry to adapt. But the costs of not going forward with the trade pact, under pressure from industry, will be great. India must seize this opportunity to hook into global value chains, while addressing the deeper issues that afflict manufacturing competitiveness.

A JUMBO ROMANCE

A Wayanad tusker in Kerala shows a different kind of love is possible

IRULAM IS IN mourning. Maniyan, a wild tusker that used to frequent this village bordering the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, died last week. During the weekend, villagers took out a silent procession to mourn the death. It was a rare occasion in a region where herds of wild elephants are known to raid crops and ransack homes in search of food and tuskers in musth are known to trample the unsuspecting villagers who stray on to their path.

Maniyan, however, was different. Even his occasional entry into human habitat never went beyond pulling down the odd bag of salt; when villagers offered fruit, Maniyan would stretch his trunk. He had learnt to co-exist with the villagers, and in turn, taught the villagers to do so too. This, in a district where 67 people had died in a decade in human-animal conflict, a majority of them killed by wild jumbos. In fact, this contradiction runs deep through the Malayalis’ relationship with the elephant. The feared beast of the jungle becomes a loved creature once he is tamed. In April, the famed Thrissur Pooram, a temple pageant that features a large number of decked up jumbos, came under a cloud when fans of an aged and ailing elephant, Thechikottukavu Ramachandran, insisted on his participation — Ramachandran, who killed 13 persons, had become some sort of a security risk. Maniyan and Ramachandran present two extreme cases of the Malayalis’ romance with the beast.

The elephant has shaped the Malayali imagination like no other animal, celebrated in literature, cinema and in every act of joy and celebration. However, the jumbo’s life has only been worse off for this fear-laced affection. The taming of the beast and its later life in chains should rank among the worst kind of torture inflicted on animals. Despite many campaigns, it continues, and is defended in the name of love for the elephant. Maniyan offers a different narrative — a one-off story perhaps — in which love is not predicated on a life in chains.



PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE FIRST HUNDRED days of Narendra Modi’s second term as prime minister raise a profound question that goes beyond a mere cataloguing of the government’s actions and policies: What is the nature of the regime we are spawning? As we look at the hundred days, two political phenomena stare us in the face. The first is that despite a very poor economic performance, Modi remains immensely popular. Even his staunchest critics have to acknowledge that he has made himself an inescapable figure, someone who has colonised our consciousness so much that even criticism only serves to underscore his importance and reinforce his imaginative hold. His triumph is not what he does; it is that he is the focal point of everything we do.

The second is that the authoritarian consolidation of this regime over Indian democracy continues unabated. Almost all independent institutions have been reduced to ciphers. The characteristic hallmarks of authoritarian domination have intensified: The state defines a single national purpose and everyone has to march to the same drum beat; the population has to be kept in a permanent state of nationalist arousal to paper over all social and economic contradictions; thought control has to be exercised in order to achieve what Leszek Kolakowski in another context called “the mental and moral sterilisation” of society.

Even majoritarianism is openly justified. In case you think the fears of majoritarianism are a red herring, listen to Swapan Dasgupta, not known to be a BJP critic, writing in *The Telegraph* (August 22) “Many of the fears in the Muslim community are undeniably overstated and tailored to the pre-existing belief that the Modi government is inherently fascist in nature. However, two factors stand out. First, the fears, however misplaced, are nevertheless real; and secondly, the Muslim stakes in the political power structure are more tenuous than ever before. It is the second issue that needs addressing.” After suggesting both that Muslims are to blame for their lack of response to Modi, and that the BJP is weak in its outreach, Dasgupta reaches this conclusion: “Hindus and Muslims may not be battling each other on the streets but neither are they talking to each other. This is not a healthy situation and can trigger an un-

healthy move towards greater ghettoisation.” When Swapan Dasgupta begins to worry that the regime is producing ghettoisation, we should worry about the estrangement that lies ahead.

The hundred days is not a catalogue of specific actions, some good some bad. They are certainly marked by Modi’s energy, drive, imperiousness and unerring instinct to dominate the political discourse. They, rather, reveal the consolidation of a regime type.

When the purpose of the regime is the show of power, nationalist fervour and social control, “bold” action will be the order of the day. In some sense, the government’s unprecedented move in Kashmir is a demonstration of all three regime traits; whether they are actually aimed at solving the problem at hand is an open question. Only in the context of a regime like this can a shutdown of a state, the decimation of constitutional federalism, the suspension of civil liberties, the creation of a climate of fear over reporting from Kashmir, and the heightened risk of war and conflict, be presented as a triumph.

But there is an odd thread linking Kashmir and the mishandling of the economy that speaks to the regime type. The thread is this. Even in the context of the economy, three things are striking. All governments have to put up a brave face. But it is difficult to remember a time when it was so difficult to get the government to accept the truth about the economy; or when the premium on public and professional discourse marching to the state’s tune was as high. So, like Kashmir, the truth remains shrouded in a fog of triumphalism and complacency. Second, the approach to handling the economy has also had the same traits: Power, moralism and complacency. Demonetisation, which wrecked the economy, was a show of power, pure and simple, not linked to any defensible economic objectives. The basic diagnosis on which the government operated was that what ails India is corruption, which a dose of moralism and arbitrary government crackdown can cure. The chimera of chasing black money in the wrong places (while intensifying the hold of a small plutocracy), underlies the government’s approach to everything from regulation to taxation, wreaking havoc in an already

MY FRIEND, RAM

Ram Jethmalani was feared and respected for his candour on political matters



TAHIR MAHMOOD

MY NONAGENARIAN FRIEND Ram Jethmalani has passed into life hereafter. We had known each other for over four decades and had very different views on many matters of national importance. At academic seminars, meetings and workshops we differed — always in a highly civilised manner — on nuances of legal issues, especially those with political overtones. These interactions usually ended with an agreement to disagree.

I had my first academic encounter with Ram in 1977 at a family law conference I was compering. Zealously supporting the demand for implementing the constitutional provision relating to the uniform civil code, he concluded his presentation with the argument that minorities should accept the demand “as a price for living in this country.” Before inviting the next presenter, I confronted him by asserting that minorities were not just “living” in this country, they were its equal citizens, entitled to all the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution. Realising his impropriety, Ram returned to the podium to explain that he wanted to say minorities should accept the uniform civil code as part of their duty to respect constitutional ideals. Seven years later in October 1985, he and I had a dialogue in the columns of *The Indian Express*, on the issue of uniform civil code.

In 1999, when I was Chair of the National Minorities Commission, Prime Minister Atal

Bihari Vajpayee named him as the law minister. Ram soon icked up a bone with Chief Justice AS Anand, my old friend and classmate in Lucknow, and quit his job. Unable to decide who to support, I kept mum.

Ram began his legal practice in Karachi with the city’s leading lawyer Allah Baksh Brohi who, like him, was destined to be his country’s law minister. After moving to India, he taught law at a Bombay college. Later, he shifted to Delhi and served four times as the Chair of the Bar Council of India. During the dark days of Emergency, Ram shot into fame for his criticism of the mighty PM of the day. He entered politics soon after. In 2004, Ram contested the parliamentary election from Lucknow to oppose Prime Minister Vajpayee, and lost.

In the legal profession, Ram earned fame for defending all sorts of people — politicians, scammers, alleged criminals and many others. His clients included navy commander K M Nanavati, BJP stalwart L K Advani, yoga guru Baba Ramdev, Andhra Pradesh’s Y S Jaganmohan Reddy, Bihar’s Lalu Prasad, stockbrokers Harshad Mehta and Ketan Parekh, mafia leader Haji Mastan, Kashmiri separatist Afzal Guru, and even former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi’s killers. Ram once said: “I decide according to my conscience who to defend. A lawyer who refuses to defend a person on the ground that people believe him to be guilty is himself guilty of professional misconduct’.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

DEMOCRACY IN DANGER JANATA PARTY LEADER, Jagjivan Ram, said today that democracy was in greater danger now than ever before. Addressing a largely attended Harijan rally at Ajmal Khan Park, Ram said he had full confidence in the people who, in the 1977 Lok Sabha elections, revived democracy while democracy was breathing its last. He said democracy was in danger now because of the twin forces of dictatorship represented by Mrs Gandhi and facism represented by Charan Singh. Amidst applause from the crowd, Ram declared that in the next elections the Janata Party would win with a greater majority. He said the party’s opponents were already panicking.

CREDIT CORRUPTION

THE GUPTA COMMISSION has revealed that over the years, the Punjab National Bank and the Central Bank of India advanced Rs 90 lakh and Rs 22 lakh respectively to Maruti Limited in violation of all norms and procedures — most of which were repeatedly changed whenever Sanjay Gandhi wanted them to be changed. The rate of interest was lowered when he asked for it. At one turn after another, the company exceeded the authorised credit limits. At no stage did either of the banks make any appraisal of the credit requirements or the feasibility of the project that was undertaken by Maruti Limited. And, at no stage did Maruti give a list of the items

conduct”. I often advised students seeking admission to the PhD programme under my guidance to take up research on his briefs, but they were overawed both by his legal acumen and the nature of cases he handled.

In 2013, Amity University conferred on Ram an LLD degree *honoris causa*. The university’s Founder-President Ashok Chauhan concluded the valedictory speech with the words: “We pray that he lives for another hundred years.” Ram instantly retorted, “God listens only to reasonable prayers”.

For those interested in hearing from the horse’s mouth the story of Ram’s successes and failures, he has left behind two books, which are partly in the nature of memoirs. The first of these, curiously titled *Conscience of a Maverick*, was published in 2007. Seven years later, to counter criticism, he wrote another book, *Maverick Unchanged, Unrepentant*. Its blurb spoke of an undeniable truth about the author’s personality: “Ram Jethmalani, respected and feared for his candour in matters political, remains an enigma to many. Controversy neither leaves him nor intimidates him.” Ram indeed remained enigmatic till the last breath of his life.

May his soul rest in peace.

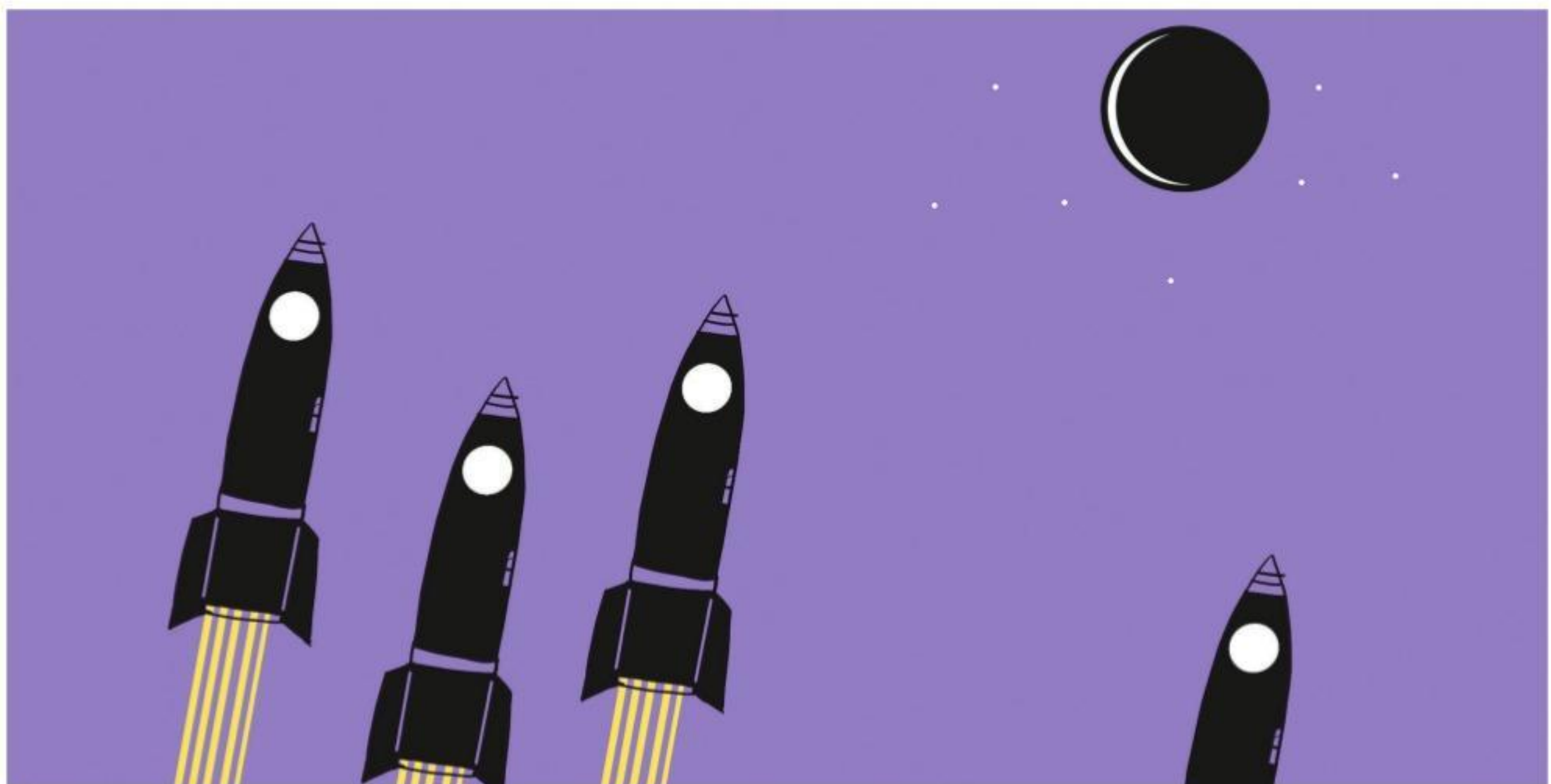
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it was hypothecating in return for the loans.

HAVANA SUMMIT

THE HAVANA SUMMIT of non-aligned countries have called for intensification of the armed struggle against the Muzorewa government in Rhodesia and the South African occupation regime in Namibia. and expressed unreserved support for all liberation movements. The heads of state and governments of a hundred countries, in a resolution adopted last night, called for sanctions against Israel to force the Jewish state to give up all occupied territories including Jerusalem and agree to the setting up of an independent Palestinian state.





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A stake in the moon

It is time to ponder the future legal, political, economic implications of the window of opportunity that India is helping to open up



PRATIK KANJILAL

THE US AIR Force Brigadier General, Homer A Boushey, an aeronautical engineer, a friend of rocketry pioneer, Robert Goddard, commanded the USAF's first jet fighter group and retired as deputy director of air force research and development. Despite such an illustrious career, he is chiefly remembered as a real-life Dr Strangelove. He owes this unsavoury and undeserved reputation to his speech at a Washington aero club in 1958. The venue wasn't exactly strategically significant, but US News and World Report published an extract including a sentence that lingered in public memory for decades: "He who controls the moon controls the earth."

Boushey's opinion was voiced when the tide of the war of perceptions — an important component of the Cold War — had turned against America. Sputnik had been beeping its victory cry from the skies for months, and the USSR had manned missions on the drawing board. Yuri Gagarin and Valentina Tereshkova would take to the skies in three and five years, respectively. The tide of global perceptions would turn decisively only in 1969 with Apollo 11, which planted the stars and stripes on the moon. But after 1972, NASA lost interest in putting space boots on the lunar regolith. The geopolitical point had been made, and there was nothing more to be said. *Roma locuta, causa finita*.

But almost 50 years later, the race to the moon has heated up again, and it is no longer just about perceptions. China's Chang'e 4 mission is exploring the dark side of the moon. India's Vikram may have crashed-landed, but failure is not unusual in space — Israel's Beresheet craft crashed into the moon in April — and is best regarded as experience gained for future missions. Three nations have soft-landed craft on the moon. In a few years, there will be five or more. It'll begin to

get crowded up there, and competitive. Will the laws of space be able to keep pace?

The moon was to be governed by the international community under the Moon Treaty of 1979, which failed for want of ratification by nations conducting manned spaceflight. By default, it is governed by the Outer Space Treaty, a document with high-minded principles adopted by the United Nations in 1966, which defines space as the province of humankind, to be used for the advancement of science and of all nations. It recognises no territorial or ownership rights, and goes to the extent of allowing nations to inspect each other's facilities. At the time, and in the time of Boushey's speech eight years earlier, in which the dark side of the moon was seen as a fine location for hidden nuclear missile bases, the focus was on the prevention of militarisation and nuclear conflict, and the encouragement of scientific cooperation for universal benefit.

The Outer Space Treaty bears strong similarities with the highly successful Antarctic Treaty System of 1959, which emphasised these very imperatives. Cynics and wags have always held that Antarctica became the province of science because it was good for nothing else, penguins having no commercial value. When the Moon Treaty sought ratification, our satellite, too, was regarded as a barren, inhospitable waste, rewarding only for science. But, from the late eighties, as knowledge and technology evolved, human motives changed too, and the space community began to discuss the fascinating question of material benefit from the moon and planets.

The first proposal was to mine the lunar regolith for Helium 3, a potential source of clean and safe nuclear energy. The leadership of the Chang'e programme had stated Helium 3 as a mission goal. India's Chandrayaan-1 carried Helium-3-specific payloads, and the search for the valuable isotope will be continued by Chandrayaan-2's orbiter. But, feasibility remained in question. While low lunar gravity could make mining cheaper, establishing a human habitat on a barren world would be prohibitively expensive.

Chandrayaan-1 changed that perception by confirming the existence of water or hydroxyl (-OH, the anion of the water molecule) on the moon. The universal solvent is the ba-

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sis for a carbon-based ecosystem. It is likely to be a product of the proton-rich solar wind, and is speculated to collect as ice in the polar regions, where low insolation would reduce vapourisation. Significantly, the Vikram lander was to touch down closer to the lunar south pole than any previous mission.

Meanwhile, though weapons remain banned from space, the military is not. In 2015, in the course of military restructuring, Beijing established the People's Liberation Army Strategic Support Force, which has an interest in space. In 2018, the US president Donald Trump proposed a United States Space Force. This does not reflect the imperatives of the Outer Space Treaty, but rather, national imperatives to protect future strategic assets and goals. Competitiveness is an essentially human trait, and in the future, a stake in the moon could not only confer prestige, but also material and geopolitical gain. Recall the history of the internet, which was conceived under the aegis of the state and academia, but grew explosively in commercial hands. Now, space exploration and research, traditionally the province of governments, is seeing strong private interest.

Frontier explorers generally cooperate while the environment is hostile. Litigation and conflict follows when they are secure and in a position to generate assets and value. The Outer Space Treaty may be unequal to such a development. Meaningful case law and precedents have not developed, since most of space litigation has been about patent infringements and satellite interference, or has been frivolous. Material infringement would be a novelty which lunar explorers must work out.

India's lander may have failed, but that is only a setback in the perceptions game. The orbiter, which hosts almost all the science in the project, remains in service. With two successful remote sensing missions, India has effectively joined the tiny club of frontrunners in the race to the moon. It is time to ponder the future legal, political and economic implications of the window of opportunity which India is helping to open up, and the questions involved are much more complex than Boushey imagined in 1958.

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Kashmir, beyond legalities

The Modi government needs to recognise the essential dignity of its people

A CONSTITUTION BENCH of the Supreme Court is set to hear in October a batch of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Modi-Shah gamble in Kashmir. Substantial questions of law premised on the first principles of constitutionalism arise, which will need to be addressed by the Court.

The essence of the petitioner's case is that the disavowing of Article 370 is an assault on the nation's asymmetrical federalism that recognises India's pluralism and diversity. The decision is seen as the negation of a solemn historical obligation to the people of Kashmir codified in the Instrument of Accession. It is contended that Clause (3) of Article 370 cannot be used to emasculate the constitutional guarantee now deemed permanent. The critics argue that the sovereign power to reorganise states cannot be an instrument for diminution of the status of states, considering the federal nature of our polity — a non-negotiable component of the basic structure of the Constitution. A core legal objection is about non-endorsement of the Union government's unilateral decision by elected representatives of the people, whose will, it is contended, cannot

be substituted by the governor, acting as representative of the central government. The curtailment of civil liberties and denial of the citizens' right to communicate are seen as a frontal assault on our Constitution. The Kashmir move can be critiqued, as Christophe Jaffrelot wrote in this newspaper, as "a turning point towards the making of an ethnic unitary state", infracting the basic structure of the Constitution.

The contra arguments advanced in defence of the decision are not without their appeal. In a valiant defence of the decision, Home Minister Amit Shah invoked social and economic justice, the principle of gender equality and hope for peace and progress in the state through the devolution of full benefits of development to the Kashmiri people, in pursuance of the constitutional guarantee of equality under Article 14. It is asserted that the time has come for Kashmiris to enter into a new national pact to strengthen the edifice of peace and local democracy in the state.

This situation requires the court to give meaning to the Constitution in new settings as society changes. The significance of the

content of the Constitution, it is argued, varies from age to age. Succeeding generations must discover the way forward in the image of their own experiences, without the shackles of history. The government contends that Article 370 is expressly stated to be a temporary constitutional measure, whose applicability and use is essentially a function of the government's evaluation of its efficacy in a given context. The Court will be cautioned against entering into the "political thicket" citing absence of "judicially manageable standards". The government may also argue against the "absolutism" of rights and contend that constitutional adjudication is essentially about balancing and proportionality.

Given the prevailing national mood, the "historical unacceptability of originalism" as a mode of constitutional interpretation has a seductive appeal. The Supreme Court has repeatedly cautioned against the danger of stultifying the spirit of the Constitution by static judicial interpretation (Puttaswamy 2017, Navtej Johar 2018 et al). In Puttaswamy, the Court said: "The interpretation of the Constitution cannot be frozen by its original understanding. The

Constitution has evolved and must continuously evolve to meet the aspirations and challenges of the present and the future."

The uncertainty of any legal challenge notwithstanding, it seems that the decisive battle between the contrary narratives on Kashmir will not be fought in court rooms or in the drawing rooms of Lutyens Delhi. And history beckons us all to accept that those who feel robbed of their dignity cannot be tamed forever by a muscular state. As Francis Fukuyama writes in a recent work, "a humiliated group seeking restitution of its dignity carries far more emotional weight than people simply pursuing their economic advantage". The challenge before the government, therefore, is to win an uncoerced allegiance of the Kashmiri people by recognising their dignity and identity — the "ultimate driver of history", as Hegel said. Whether the government can do enough to assure the Kashmiri people of its sincerity in this regard is the question.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

Brexit, a project supposed to enhance Britain's international stature has only served to diminish it. — THE GUARDIAN

A different world view

Realists in Islamabad are arguing for diplomatic relations with Israel. This is part of a new urgency to revamp the country's foreign policy



RAJA MANDALA

BY C RAJA MOHAN

THERE IS MUCH speculation in the Pakistani and Israeli media about imminent establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Whether this turns out to be true or not, Pakistan is undoubtedly in the middle of a major debate on its international relations. To be sure, the idea of having ties with Israel has been discussed before in Pakistan. The current discourse, however, is part of a new urgency to revamp Pakistan's foreign policy.

One of the compelling factors in Islamabad's rethink has been its difficulty in mobilising international support against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's muscular policies towards Pakistan and Kashmir. Another is the growing sense in Islamabad and Rawalpindi about Pakistan's current alienation from its traditional allies in the West and the Muslim world. Pakistan's "deep state" — or the moniker now in vogue, "miltabishment" — is eager to put the nation's foreign policy back on track and correct the emerging international tilt (with the honourable exception of China) in favour of India.

Pakistan's vigorous foreign policy rejigging is complemented by the decision to implement harsh economic reforms mandated by the IMF, which has come to Pakistan's rescue for the 13th time in the last four decades. The danger of an immediate political backlash has been neutralised by the military establishment's decision to lock up a former president, Asif Ali Zardari of the PPP, and two former PMs, Nawaz Sharif and Shahid Khaqan Abbasi of the Muslim League. When Nawaz Sharif's daughter Maryam Nawaz took to the streets to mobilise people against the government, she soon found herself behind bars.

The July visit to Washington by the Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa underlined the miltabishment's determination to end the steady deterioration in bilateral relations with the US since the beginning of this decade and a more rapid decline under President Donald Trump. In offering to "extricate" the US from Afghanistan and facilitating a peace deal between the US and the Taliban, the miltabishment saw the road to strategic rehabilitation in Washington and more broadly with the West. Whether this strategy will survive the suspension of the peace talks with the Taliban, announced by US President Donald Trump over the weekend, remains to be seen.

Pakistan's debate on engaging Israel is also driven by the belief that India's special relationship with Israel has given Delhi many advantages. Pragmatists in Islamabad and Rawalpindi have argued that normal relations with Israel would improve Pakistan's standing in the US and help dent India's influence in Washington and disrupt its part-

nership with the influential Jewish community in America.

Realists in Islamabad also point to the profound changes taking place in the Middle East and the growing engagement between Israel and some of the Sunni Arab states like Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, that have been among Pakistan's closest partners. Although they do not have diplomatic relations with Israel, shared threat perceptions about Iran have nudged Riyadh and Abu Dhabi closer to Jerusalem. (At present Egypt, Turkey and Jordan are among the few Arab and Muslim countries that have diplomatic relations with Israel.)

Pakistan has debated the merits of engaging Israel ever since India established full diplomatic relations with Israel in 1992. But it was General Pervez Musharraf who opened up Pakistan's debate on Israel in the early 2000s. Despite Musharraf's clear-eyed logic of Pakistan's self-interest in establishing ties with Israel, there was no forward movement in Islamabad. The general could not overcome Pakistan's ideological narrative that called for unflinching opposition to the Jewish state in the name of proclaimed solidarity with the Muslim ummah.

Can General Bajwa do what General Musharraf could not? If you are a sceptic you might say it is a bridge too far. After all, Pakistan has long told itself that India and Israel were alike in their "occupation" of Kashmir and Palestine. And that the insurgency in Kashmir, backed by Pakistan, was the same as Palestinian "Intifada" against Israel.

If you are a cynic, however, you might believe that Rawalpindi can easily finesse the ideology of Pakistan if it can score some gains against India. Should Delhi be worried about an engagement, covert or overt, leading to normalisation of relations between Pakistan and Israel? Not really.

Delhi is aware that Jerusalem will welcome formal or informal relationships with any Islamic country, big or small. Ending its isolation in the Islamic world is a major priority for Israel. Although Pakistan sees Israel as an enemy, Israel has no reason to reciprocate the sentiment.

Much in the manner that India pursues relations with all the major players in the Middle East, without reference to their mutual rivalries, Israel would like to do the same in the Subcontinent. Israel would certainly bet that if Islamabad makes a move, Dhaka would find it easier to overcome its own Islamist resistance to relations with Israel. Normal relations with the South Asian Muslims — who constitute more than 40 per cent of the world's Islamic population — will be a huge diplomatic triumph for Israel.

Some in Delhi might love to see Pakistan eat its long-standing rhetoric on Hindu-Yehudi conspiracies. More seriously, it will be easier for India to deal with a Pakistan that defines its interests as a territorial state. Delhi has found it hard to normalise relations with Islamabad that sees itself as a religious cause. But if Pakistan were a normal country, there would be much room for give and take and the political basis for peaceful coexistence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CUT THE HYPE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Mission continues' (IE, September 9). The failure of the lander, Vikram, could well be a technical issue and it's quite likely that the snag will be rectified. But the political class needs to learn a lesson. The launch of the Chandrayaan was made an event. Schoolchildren were invited to witness the rover's progress. All these could have been done with the positive intent to make students interested in science but it put unnecessary pressure on the ISRO scientists.

Suchak D Patel, Ahmedabad

HURTING ECOLOGY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Sweet freedom' (IE, September 9). The government has signalled its seriousness about blending of petrol with ethanol. It has also relaxed environment clearances norms for storage of ethanol. Such aggressive measures to increase the production of this water-guzzling crop and put pressure on the ecosystem.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

DUAL BOOST

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The problem of skilling India' (IE, September 7). Employers are finding it difficult to find workers with required skills. The economic slowdown has aggravated matters. So, the issue needs to be addressed both from the perspective of skilling

LETTER OF THE WEEK AWARD

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people and boosting the economy. Tapomoy Ghosh, Purbia Bardhaman

ROLE MODEL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The true original' (IE, September 7). After returning from injury, Steve Smith has become the world's highest run-getter this year. He is a role model for young players.

Subhash Vaid, Noida



TOPOF THE
WORLD



KOREAN PENINSULA

North Korea says willing to resume talks with US

Seoul: North Korea said Monday it's willing to resume nuclear diplomacy with the United States in late September, but only if the US comes to the negotiating table with satisfactory new proposals. If the proposals don't satisfy North Korea, dealings between the two countries will come to an end, First Vice Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said. North Korea has given the US enough time to map out new proposals to salvage the nuclear negotiations, he added. In April, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the US must come up with new proposals to revive the talks. Talks on North Korea's nuclear disarmament fell apart in February when President Donald Trump rejected Kim's demand for sanctions relief in return for partial disarmament at their second summit in Vietnam.

CHINA

Telescope picks up strange signals from space

Beijing: Chinese astronomers have detected repeated fast radio bursts, mysterious signals believed to be from a source about three billion light years from the Earth, with the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope, official media reported Monday. The scientists detected the signals with the Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope, according to researchers at the National Astronomical Observatories of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The fast radio bursts are the brightest bursts known in the universe, and there is no explanation for their origin.

SWEDEN

Prosecutor reviews witness accounts in Assange case

Stockholm: The Swedish prosecutor investigating a rape allegation against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said on Monday she had interviewed seven witnesses, including two not previously heard, but had yet to determine how to proceed in the case. Assange is serving a 50-week sentence in Britain for skipping bail after spending seven years in the Ecuadorian embassy in London to avoid extradition to Sweden over a 2010 rape allegation which he denies.

UK Parliament's suspension to begin after vote on snap election

Bill to avoid no-deal Brexit becomes law, but PM Johnson reiterates that Britain will leave EU on Oct 31

JILL LAWLESS & GREGORY KATZ
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 9

PRIME MINISTER Boris Johnson insisted Monday that a new Brexit deal can be reached to ensure Britain leaves the European Union by the October 31 deadline, as he prepared to suspend Parliament and send rebellious lawmakers home until two weeks before the country is supposed to leave the bloc.

Lawmakers used the hours before the suspension to deliver new blows to Johnson's teetering authority. An Opposition-backed measure designed to stop Britain from crashing out of the EU on October 31 without a divorce deal became law after receiving the formal assent of Queen Elizabeth II. That came hours before legislators were set to reject Johnson's demand for a snap election to break the political deadlock engulfing the government.

Johnson insists Britain must leave the 28-nation EU in just over 50 days, come what may, but acknowledged that leaving without an agreement on divorce terms "would be a failure of statecraft" for which he'd be partially to blame.

On a visit to Dublin, Johnson



UK PM Boris Johnson and his Irish counterpart Leo Varadkar in Dublin Monday. Reuters

said he would "overwhelmingly prefer to find an agreement" and believed a deal could be struck by October 18, when EU leaders hold a summit in Brussels.

The comments marked a change of tone, if not substance, from Johnson, who is accused by opponents of driving Britain at full-tilt toward a cliff-edge Brexit. Cabinet Minister Amber Rudd resigned over the weekend, saying she didn't believe Johnson was sincere about seeking a deal.

Irish Prime Minister Leo

Varadkar warned Johnson that "there's no such thing as a clean break," and if Britain crashed out, it would "cause severe disruption for British and Irish people alike."

The EU says Britain has not produced any concrete proposals for replacing the contentious "backstop", a provision in the withdrawal agreement reached by Johnson's predecessor Theresa May designed to ensure an open border between EU member Ireland and the UK's Northern Ireland.

Speaker to quit

Meanwhile, House of Commons Speaker John Bercow announced he would step down after a decade in the job. He told MPs he will quit the same day Britain is due to leave the EU, unless an election is called before then. In that case, he will step down ahead of the campaign. Bercow has angered the Conservative government by repeatedly allowing MPs to seize control of Parliament's agenda to steer the course of Brexit. **AP**

British Airways grounds nearly all flights as pilots strike; 195,000 travellers affected

GREGORY KATZ
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 9

BRITISH AIRWAYS has canceled almost all its flights for 48 hours, affecting as many as 195,000 travelers, due to a strike by pilots over pay.

The UK's flagship carrier said in a statement Monday that it had "no way of predicting how many (pilots) would come to work or which aircraft they are qualified to fly". As a result, it said it had "no option but to cancel



Heathrow Airport's Terminal 5 sits empty on Sunday morning. Reuters

nearly 100 per cent" of its flights for the duration of the strike. British Airways operates up to

850 flights a day. London's sprawling Heathrow Airport was most affected by the work stoppage as it is the airline's hub and is used for many of the company's long-haul international flights.

The sprawling departure area at Heathrow Terminal 5 was almost empty, with only a handful of BA flights set to leave on Monday.

There were no queues at any of the check-in desks or security gates and only a handful of people waiting on benches. The terminal is typically quite busy.



LARGE CARGO SHIP CAPSIZES NEAR US PORT

The *Golden Ray* cargo ship capsized near a port on the coast of the US state of Georgia on Sunday. Coast Guard rescuers made contact on Monday with four South Korean crew members trapped inside the ship, by rappelling down the side and drilling a hole through the hull. The rescuers indicated that all four missing crew members "are on board and OK". **AP**

IRAN

UN CONFIRMS NEW CENTRIFUGES

The United Nations' atomic watchdog confirmed Monday that Iran is preparing to use more advanced centrifuges, another breach of limits set in the country's unravelling nuclear deal with major powers. Iran had already announced the step, its latest violation of the 2015 deal as it tries to pressure European signatories to find a way to ease the toll of US sanctions on the Iranian economy.

AHEAD OF ELECTION OPPOSED BY TALIBAN

Afghanistan braces for violence after Trump calls off talks

DAVID E SANGER & MUJIB MASHAL
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump's decision to break off peace talks with the Taliban, at least for now, left Afghanistan bracing for a bloody prelude to national elections this month, while the administration declined Sunday to rule out a withdrawal of US troops without a peace accord.

In a round of television interviews, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo blamed an attack by the Taliban for the cancellation of talks at Camp David this weekend that the administration had expected would lead to the signing of a peace agreement.

Pompeo said that the Taliban had "tried to gain negotiating advantage by conducting terror attacks inside the country," resulting in the death of a US soldier in Kabul. "We're going to walk away from a deal if others try to use violence to achieve better ends in a negotiation," he said.

The administration continued to face questions about what led to Trump's sudden renunciation of the talks, including whether the sticking point was his desire to seal the deal himself in a dramatic summit meeting at Camp David and why he chose to go public with the decision to withdraw the secret invitation to the Taliban.

Pompeo and other administration officials left open the door to a resumption of negotiations, and so did the Taliban. But any new talks may not happen for several months, with each side feeling that an agreement that seemed within reach was sabotaged by the other, Afghan officials said.

And there was a consensus in Kabul and Washington that the sudden derailment of what had seemed like a carefully orchestrated effort for a deal could lead



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to a surge of violence before the September 28 election. The Taliban have opposed holding the election, of which President Ashraf Ghani is seen as a front-runner.

Despite a series of car bombings and attacks, there has been a sense that the Taliban have been hanging back, hoping a deal would delay the election. Now, the Taliban have more of an incentive to disrupt the election and make clear that after an 18-year war they remain a potent political and military player.

Trump's aides said they were mystified about whether the President had a new strategy for fulfilling his promise to withdraw US troops or preventing escalating violence.

There were also questions about the accuracy of his assertion that the Taliban had accepted his invitation to Camp David on Sunday, and that he was the one calling off the meeting.

Taliban negotiators said Sunday they had agreed to come to the US only after a deal was announced and only to meet with the US side, suggesting Trump may have cancelled a meeting that the key participants were not planning to attend. **NYT**

Russia's ruling party loses third of seats in Moscow after protests

ANDREW OSBORN & ANDREY KUZMIN
MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 9

RUSSIA'S RULING United Russia party, which supports President Vladimir Putin, has lost a slew of seats in the Moscow Parliament, RIA news agency said on Monday, suggesting a tactical voting strategy pushed by opponents may have worked.

Sunday's poll was one of the most closely watched local elections in years after the exclusion of many opposition candidates triggered the Russian capital's biggest protests in nearly a decade.

Though local, the Moscow election was earmarked by prominent Opposition politician Alexei Navalny and his allies as an opportunity to make inroads against United Russia ahead of a national parliamentary election in 2021.

Protests erupted in mid-July after the Central Election Commission refused to register



Voting for the local elections in Moscow took place on Sunday. Reuters

a large number of Opposition candidates, saying they had failed to collect enough signatures from genuine backers.

The excluded candidates, including allies of Navalny, denounced the action as a ruse designed to stop them winning seats in Moscow's Parliament.

Navalny had then advised his supporters to vote tactically across Russia for the candidate with the best chance of defeating United Russia. **REUTERS**

LOYALTIES TORN IN SOME FAMILIES OF POLICE OFFICERS

Split by barricades by night, parenting by day: Protests divide Hong Kong homes

CORA ENGELBRECHT
HONG KONG, SEPTEMBER 9

AS WEEKS of protests have transformed Hong Kong into a battleground between demonstrators and police, few families have felt the polarising effects more than that of a young woman named Sunny.

Sunny, 26, is a protester who takes to the streets to denounce what she regards as the oppressive policies of the central government in Beijing. Her husband is a low-ranking police officer, working 12-hour nightly shifts to confront the demonstrations his wife supports.

Since June, they have coexisted like this: standing on opposing

sides of the barricades by night, and then parenting their two daughters together the next day.

They have witnessed the deepening rift on the streets that has come to define the struggle for Hong Kong's soul. That fight is now driving a wedge into their home and the homes of families like theirs, and even into the ranks of the police force itself.

"In the beginning, it didn't seem any different from any other protests that we have always had over the years," Sunny said. "But now, we can't even talk about any normal daily life. No one has the patience for it."

As Hong Kong's government has stepped up the pressure and arrests, increasingly violent clashes between protesters and

police have made the streets more tense. The divide between the two sides has grown.

In public statements, officials have accused protesters of harassing officers, and sometimes their family members, online or in person. The treatment by protesters has angered many officers, who now face regular criticism on streets where just a few months ago they were widely respected.

Sunny and her husband have known each other since they were children and married five years ago. She asked that her full name not be published out of fear of retribution by the government or other officers.

Sunny's husband declined to speak in person or give his name, but emphasised the gulf between



STUDENTS FORM HUMAN CHAIN: Students wearing mask hold hands to surround a college in Hong Kong on Monday. Hundreds of school students formed human chains across the city in support of the protests. NYT

the government's demands and the protesters' grievances.

"It puts so much pressure on

me and my family," he said by text message, adding that the police "have no choice" but to ar-

rest those who break the law.

But he acknowledged that authorities could improve their handling of the protests, and said that his wife reminds him of that.

"She keeps me in line," he said. "She is always urging me to consider how police officers can regain the trust of the citizens."

Through their negotiations, Sunny has come to understand how, on the street, the police have become a stand-in for a government that is increasingly loathed by the public. "It feels like we have a common enemy," she said.

In July, she decided to organise a Facebook group, "Police Relatives Connection." Its mission is to restore the public's trust in the police. "We are not part of the police force, but we are the

closest to them, and they may be more willing to hear our voice," she said. "If the wives step up, the citizens will support them."

Most members of the Facebook group are just like her: They have a close relative in the police force but still support the protesters. Of the officers who feel conflicted in their posts, few dare speak out while the force is under so much public scrutiny.

Cathy Yau, 36, had been in the Hong Kong police force for 11 years before resigning in July and deciding to step forward and take the risk of publicly criticising the police. She expressed a view that she said is becoming more common in the police force.

"I felt like the government was hiding behind the police

force," she said. "Many police officers are normal Hong Kong citizens when we take off our uniform after work. We are all HK citizens, but the government didn't seem care that there is blood on the street." On July 10, she slipped her resignation letter under her boss's door.

After Yau went public with her story, several officers reached out to her, asking for advice on how they could follow in her footsteps, she said. One told her he was worried for his daughter's safety and well-being. Another told her that he had fallen under suspicion from his bosses and had been asked to disclose his political stance.

Yau says she now wants to run for City Council in November. **NYT**

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No. IT.81/2019/02 **Date: 09-09-2019**
SHORT TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders in two bids system (Technical & Financial bids) are invited by the undersigned, from the eligible bidders for Selection of Agency for Design, Development, Implementation and Support of Assam Chief Minister's Portal & Mobile App. Submission of bid shall be through e-procurement portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Further details and subsequent communication may be seen at <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of bids is **14:00 hours on 4th October, 2019**.
Sd/- Managing Director
AMTRON

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.- 14/2019 Dated :- 06.09.2019

S	Name of work with its location	App. cost of the work (In Rs.)	Cost of Tender Form (In Rs.)	Address of the office from where the tender form has been issued	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Website particulars & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.
1.	21/SrDEE/G/MB/19:- Electrical General Service works i.e.w. Improvement and up-gradation of waiting halls/rooms, offices on PF-3, provision of false ceiling in concourse area, provision of kotah/granite flooring in concourse area with non-slippery walkway for Divyangjan from entrance to station building and provision of ramp for Divyangjan at PRS building and Dehradun Railway station with re-development of station works under ADEN/RK.	27,01,159.50	3,000/-	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	54,000/-	03 (Three) Months	Tender will be received upto 15:00 hrs shall be opened at 15:00 hrs on 04.10.2019	Website www.ireps.gov.in Notice board is located in the Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.

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**Government of Karnataka**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Department,
Project Division, Near Shamli, Mandavi towers , 1st Floor , Ambalapady, Udipi - 576103.
Land line /Fax: 0820-2532704 E-mail: kn-udu@pmgsy.nic.in
No:EE/PD/UGNRRY-IV/Additional/Tender Notification/2019-20/ 202 **Date: 30.08.2019**

Short Term Tender Notification
On behalf of Government of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udipi invites short term tender for the work mentioned below as per standard tender document in two cover system. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in I.T.I. clause-3 of standard tender document to qualify for award of the contract. Tender document may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka viz. www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost(in Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	Package-KS 26-52 - Improvements to road from Kakkunje-Sherdi-Vandaru Marvi-Beesanakatte Link Road of Kundapura Constituency, Improvements to road from Bukkigudde Murkaluve to Adapady Brahmanstana Koremaru-Kudyadanu-Padapalli Road of Kaup Constituency and Improvements to road from Kandloor Main Road to Valthuru Road of Byndoor Constituency in Udipi District	15,00,00,000.00	15,00,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)
2	Package-KS 26-53 - Improvements to road from Asodu Benkikan Road, Improvements to road from Nailadi to Bijjadi Link Road, Improvements to road from Chittara Cashew Factory to Kiradi Ajjikallu Road and Improvements to road from Bethadi Road of Kundapura Constituency in Udipi District.	10,00,00,000.00	15,00,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)
3	Package-KS 26-54 - Improvements to road from Bukkigudde to Hosangadi Baje and Improvements to road from Yellare to Dondaragadi of Kaup Constituency in Udipi District	10,00,00,000.00	15,00,000.00	11 Months (Including Rainy Season)

Calendar of events: (1) Date from which tender documents: **09.09.2019** downloaded from e-portal. (2) Date of pre bid meeting & Place: Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udipi **16.09.2019, 11:30 hours.** (3) Last date for clarification: **17.09.2019.** (4) Last date for receiving bids: **23.09.2019, upto 16.30 hours.** (5) Time & date of open Technical bids: **24.09.2019, upto 16.35 hours.** (6) Place of opening tender bids: Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Near Shamli Hall, Mandavi Tower, First Floor, Udipi.
Information: (1) The Class-1 contractors who have registered in PWD/CPWD and enrolled in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering Award of contract depends on technical capacity, work carrying capacity and financial resourcefulness of the bidders. (2) The Contractors who are terminated from KRRDA on non completion of works and who have been terminated for not maintaining PMGSY/IGNRRY roads are not eligible for participating in the tendering. (3) For any further information, the concerned Executive Engineer, Project Division may be contacted. (4) Details can be obtained from the <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Udipi

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IX, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works:

1. NIT No: EE/CD-IX/NIT/15/2019-20
Name of work:- Development of unauthorized colonies in Rithala Assembly Constituency-06.
Sub Work:- Construction of roads and side drains in unauthorized colonies at Munge Ram Park, Extn. Budh Vihar, Ph-II, Rithala Ac-06 (Regn No. 1269)
Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,44,20,569/-
Earnest Money: Rs. 4,88,411/-
Period of completion: 06 Months, Last date & time of submission of tender upto 03:00 p.m on 11.09.2019. (Tender I.D.- 2019_IFC_179351_1)
Note.1) The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-IX
I&FC DEPARTMENT
GOVT. OF DELHI
DIP/Shabdarth/0622/19-20

North Central Railway, ALLAHABAD
E-tender Notice No.:S/HGJ/V.H.L.B./Trmp/19 **Date:04.09.2019**
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
Divisional Railway Manager (Operating)/North Central Railway/Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following work upto **14.30 hrs. on 11.10.2019**. The details of the tender are as under:

Tender No. & Name of work	Approx Cost of work	Earnest Money
S.N.1-Tender No. 122019: Hiring of 01 (one) number four wheeler Non AC diesel road vehicle Tavera/Bolero/Xylo or similar in good condition with registration after 01.01.2017 including driver, fuel & maintenance etc for transportation of Crew & Guard along with their line boxes and other works in HGJ-ALJN and nearby area, for round the clock working and up to 2000 Km. per month/per vehicle under Control of SS/HGJ for 02 years.	₹ 8,20,551.60	₹ 16,400/-
S.N.2-If the vehicle runs more than 2000 km upto 6500 km.: ₹ 8.91/km.		

Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 2,000/- **Comp. Period:** 24 Months, **Date of Opening of tender:** 11.10.2019 after 15.00 hrs. **Note:** 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders will be available on website www.ireps.gov.in upto **14.30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into financial Rates page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. This tender notice have also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 6. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost in respect of e-Tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 7. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 1291/19(P)

North Central Railway, ALLAHABAD
E-Tender Notice No.: 5420192020 **E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE** **Date: 04/09/2019**
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Allahabad, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following work upto **13.30 hrs. on 03.10.2019**. The details of the Tender are as under:

Tender No. & Name of work	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Completion Period
158: Combined Tender For Addition & Alteration in officer's Club & Improvement to Sports Complex and Some essential Amenities at DSA Allahabad.	₹ 7,78,598.64	₹ 1,75,600/-	₹ 5,000/-	06 Months

Date of Opening of tender: 03.10.2019, **Eligibility Criteria for similar Work:** Any Building Work. **Note:** 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to **13.30 hrs.** on the due to date of tender opening i.e. **03.10.2019**. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under I.T. Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 4. The tenderers shall submit a notarized affidavit on a non judicial stamp paper of ₹ 100/- as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 5. The supplier/contractor of goods and/or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. 6. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 7. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 8. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 9. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 10. Tender on line can be submitted up to **13.30 hrs. on 03.10.2019**. 1285/19 (P)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Chennai Construction and Maintenance Circle
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.17/2019-20/HDO, dated 07.09.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto **16.10.2019, 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for works under CRIPD and Non Plan 2019-20 Scheme (Package No.93 to 105) pertaining to Tiruvannamalai and Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from **13.09.2019** onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer (H)
C&M, Chennai Circle
DIPR/3111/Tender/2019

North Central Railway, ALLAHABAD
E-Tender Notice No.: DRMC/AGRA/PUB/DMU/2019/9 **Date:28.08.2019**
E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE
For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra invites E-tenders for Advertisement rights for display of commercial advertisement by way of vinyl wrapping on the Exterior surface of **03 Rakes of DMU Trains in Agra Division** for a period of 05 years.
The tender will be of two packet tender system. Packet "A" will contain the technical Bid and other related documents as per terms and conditions of the E-tender. Packet "B" will contain the financial Bid only.

E-Tender No. & Sectional Area	DPC (Diesel Power Car)	TC (Trailer coach)	Total coaches	Total Area for Comm. Pub (In Sq.ft.)
DRM/C/AGRA/PUB/DMU/2019/9: Agra Fort-Bharatpur-Bandikui & Agra Cantt.-Mainpuri	02	06	08 Cars/coaches x 03 Rakes = 24 Cars/coaches.	2216 x 03 Rakes = 6648 Sqft.

No. of Rakes: 03. **Reserve Price for First Year:** ₹ 7,02,030/- (For 03 Rakes). **Total estimated cost for 05 Years:** ₹ 37,27,779/- **Earnest Money (EMD):** ₹ 74,600/- **Cost of Tender form:** ₹ 3,540/- (Including GST). **Date and Time of opening of E-Tender: 04.10.2019 at 15.30 hrs.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. Tender can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to **15.00 hrs. on 04.10.2019**. Railway Administration keeps its right reserved to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reason. If tender acceptance and opening day is holiday, the next working day will be the last day for depositing and opening of Tender forms at the same time. 1288/19 (P)

North central railways @ CPONCR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
CHENNAI CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.18/2019-20/HDO/ Dated:09.09.2019
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto **16.10.2019 - 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle for works under CRIPD and Non Plan 2019-20 Scheme (Package No.106 to 120) pertaining to Tiruvannamalai, Cheyyar and Chennai City Roads (H) C&M Division.
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from **13.09.2019** onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/ Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),
C&M, CHENNAI CIRCLE
DIPR/3109/TENDER/2019

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Tender Notice for allotment of advertisement rights for commercial publicity work through one LED screen of size 14'x8" sq-ft at each Laksar, Najibabad, Shahjahanpur, Chandausi, Rampur, Hardoi, Raiwala, Amroha and Rishikesh railway station and through LED TV Screens of size 32", 40" & 50" inch at Rampur, Shahjahanpur, Chandausi & Hardoi railway stations of Moradabad Division for a period of five years. Two packet open tenders are invited through E-Tendering:-

SN	Station/Zone	Total Area	Assessed Earnings/Estimated Value (Rs) excluding GST	Earnest money Deposit (INR)	Cost of tender form including 18% GST (INR)
			For first year (INR)	For five years (INR)	
(a) 1	Laksar	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 2	Najibabad	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 3	Shahjahanpur	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 4	Chandausi	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 5	Rampur	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 6	Hardoi	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 7	Raiwala	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 8	Amroha	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 9	Rishikesh	14'x8" sq-ft	1,65,000.00	8,76,150.00	17,600.00
(a) 10	Rampur	358 inches	1,22,321.40	6,49,527.00	13,000.00
(a) 11	Shahjahanpur	564 inches	1,92,707.50	10,23,277.00	20,500.00
(a) 12	Chandausi	346 inches	1,18,221.30	6,27,755.00	12,600.00
(a) 13	Hardoi	480 inches	1,64,006.40	8,70,874.00	17,500.00
(b)	Last Date & time of submission	Upto 14.00 hrs on 09.10.2019 which will open on same day			
(c)	Address of the office & date from which tender documents can be purchased.	Tender form along with all the required documents can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering)			

No. 3/PUB/MB Div/2016 2907/19

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

O/o. The Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras, "Corporate Bhavan"
II Floor, No. 29, Rajaji Salai, Chennai-600001.
Phone No. 044-25271149/25271151, Fax: 044-25271152,
Website: www.olchennai.in Email : olmadras@gmail.com

FORM No. 63 - RULE 148(1)**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION**

In the matter of Sterling Tree Magnum India Limited
(In Provisional Liquidation)

Company Petition No.73/2000

**ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO PROVE THEIR CLAIM**

Pursuant to the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated 05.04.2019 in C.P.No.73/2000, notice is hereby given to the creditors of the above named company that they are required to submit to the Official Liquidator of the court proofs of their respective debts or claims against the above named company by delivering at the office of the Official Liquidator on or before 09.10.2019 or sending by post to the Official Liquidator so as to reach him not later than the said date, an affidavit proving the debt or claim, in the prescribed form (Form No.66 copy of the same can be downloaded at www.olchennai@mca.gov.in) with their respective names, addresses and particulars of debt or claim, and any title to priority under Section 529, 529A and 530. Any creditor who fails to submit his affidavit of proof within the time limited as aforesaid will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of dividend before his / her debt is proved, or as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.

Any creditor who has sent in his / her proof, if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator, shall either in person or by his / her advocate, attend the investigation of such debt or claim at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and shall produce such further evidence of his / her debt or claim as may be required.

Dated at Chennai this the 5th day of September, 2019

Sd/-
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS

E-TENDERING PRESS NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. IV, Irrigation & Flood Control Department Govt. of NCT of Delhi, L.M. Bund Office Complex, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31 invites on behalf of President of India online Percentage rate tender from approved and eligible contractors registered with of Irrigation & Flood Control Department upto 3.00 PM dated on 11.09.2019 for the works:

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT.OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. NIT No. 87//EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179302_1)

Name of work: - Repair/ Restoration of approach road from S.M. Bund to Bal Smriti in old village Garhi Mendu in Ghonda Constituency, AC-66. Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 82,81,663/- Earnest Money Rs 1,65,633/- period of completion 180 days

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

2. NIT No. 88/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179307_1) Name of work: - Providing and fixing 100 RCC benches and 100 Stainless steel three seated chairs at various places in Krishna Nagar AC-60. Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 29,17,790/- Earnest Money Rs 58,356/- period of completion 60 days

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

3. NIT No. 89/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179316_1) Name of work: - Providing and Fixing of Reflecting Steel Signage Board in Streets of Rohtas Nagar Assembly Constituency 64. Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 1 8,20,276/- Earnest Money Rs 36,406/- period of completion 60 days

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

4. NIT No. 90/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179320_1) Name of work: - Providing and Laying of RCC culverts on R/side of Escape Drain No.1 at RD 400m in Gokalpur Constituency (AC-68). Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 5,41,403/- Earnest Money Rs 10,828/- period of completion 45 days

H.O.A.: MLALAD FUND UNDER DEPTT. OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

5. NIT No. 91/EE/CD-IV/IFC/2019-20 (ID No. 2019_IFC_179322_1) Name of work: - Improvement of service road on left bank of Escape Drain No.1 between RD 30 to RD 980m in Gokalpur Constituency (AC-68). Estimated Cost of Rs Rs 70,80,584/- Earnest Money Rs 1,41,612/- period of completion 120 days

Note:

1) The enlistment of the contractors should be valid on the last date of opening of tender. In case only the last date of opening of tender is extended, the enlistment of contractor should be valid on the original date of opening of tenders.

2) The following Scanned copies are required to be uploaded: - (i) Copy of GST Registration /upto date file returned proof (ii) Registration of enlistment in the appropriate class. (iii) Scanned Copy of EMD.(iv) Scanned copy of ESI and EPF registration. (v) Copy of Pan Number. (vi) Valid Mobile Number, WhatsApp Number and E-mail ID. (3) EMD's in the form of DD/FDR in favour of EE, CD-IV may be submitted in the O/o of EE, CD-IV physically upto 3.00 P.M.in the date of opening tender. If the same shall not be deposited physically, the tender shall be treated as cancelled. The Detail of above mentioned work can be seen and downloaded from website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

4) No manual tender shall be accepted; only tender submitted through e-procurement portal shall be considered.

DIP/Shabdarth/0621/19-20

Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER NOTICE**

The Divisional Railway Manager, E.C. Railway, Danapur is inviting online (E-Tendering) Open Tender for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor with experience, financial capability including those registered/working with Railway/Irrigation/CPWD/MES or any other public sector undertaking for the following work:-

Tender Notice No. : **W-7/E-Tender/12/**

Open/DNR/2019-20, Sl. No. 1. **Item No.**

1. Name of the work with its location :

Hiring of Multi Utility Vehicle (like Tata Sumo/Jeep/Gypsy or similar vehicle for official work for ADEN/Line/DNR. SL No.

2. Approx. Cost of work : 9,21,549.84,

SL No. 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited :** 18,500/-, **Item No.2 :** Repair

of bridges by Epoxy grouting/ cement grouting, Normal repair in arch,

Abutment, Pier, wing wall, return wall, parapet wall, Ballast wall in BKP-RGD,

FUT-IPR and DHWN-BEHS section under ADEN/RGD. SL No. 2. **Approx.**

Cost of work : 1,02,27,203.68, SL No. 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited :**

2,01,200/-, Item No.3 : RCC jacketing of

Piers No. 1,2,3 & Abutment No.1 of

Bridge No. 371 (3x11.86 m Girder +

13x12.19m Arch) at Km.675/1-11 with

grade M-20 on main line under Sr.

DEN/3/DNR. SL No. 2. **Approx. Cost of**

work : 2,71,96,206.70, SL No. 3. **Earnest**

Money to be deposited : 2,86,000/-, **Item No.4 :** Provision of 01 no. Escalator

at Barh, 02 nos. at Fatuha station, 02 no.

at Patna Sahib, 02 nos. at RJPB, 04 nos.

at Patna Jn., 02 nos. at Danapur station &

02 nos. at ARA (Total 15 nos.) of Danapur

Division under DEN/HQ/DNR. **SL No. 2.**

Approx. Cost of work : 5,39,64,354.14,

SL No. 3. **Earnest Money to be deposited :** 4,19,900/-, **SI No. 4. Date &**

Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender : The tender have to be

submitted online of www.iimps.gov.in, Upto 12.00 hrs. on the date of opening i.e.

30.09.19 and will be opened on the same

day after 12.00 hrs. **SI No. 5. Website**

particulars, Notice board location where

complete details of tender can be seen

and address of the office from where the

tender from can be purchased etc. : 1.

Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria &

tender documents can be seen from the

CRIS website : <http://www.iimps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on

notice board. All corrigendum will be

uploaded on website if required.

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.)
E.C. Railway, Danapur
PR/01181/DNR/ENGG/T/19-20/72

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi,****ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006****NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd. for the following work through e procurement solution only.

1. NIT No. : 29/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_179416_1
Name of work : Construction of Admin Block, Guard room, boundary wall waiting shed & other Misc work at Driving Test Project of Transport Department Hari Nagar Delhi.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 6,11,14,279/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 12,22,286/-
Time Allowed : 120 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 03.10.2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website:
<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT
Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/0620/19-20

Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi,****ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006****NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd. for the following work through e procurement solution only.

1. NIT No. : 30/2019-20
Tender ID No. : 2019_DTIDC_179510_1
Name of work : Construction of Admin Block, Guard room, boundary wall waiting shed & other Misc work at Driving Test Project of Transport Department Dwarka Sector-21 Delhi.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 3,00,68,404/-
Earnest Money : Rs. 6,01,368/-
Time Allowed : 120 Days
Last date of receipt of Tenders : 10.10.2019

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website:
<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DTIDC Ltd., ISBT
Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/0626/19-20

“Scheme for Celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Eminent personalities”

Delhi Government will provide assistance through empanelled agencies to the desirous Organizations in the form of arrangement for tentage, sound system, lighting, banners etc. for celebration of Balmiki Jayanti on 13.10.2019.

Eligibility:-

The following are eligible to apply for assistance under the scheme:

- Registered NGOs, under Societies Registration Act which are in existence.
- Only those NGOs are eligible which are registered under Society Registration Act and having audited accounts.

List of the items for providing assistance to the desirous NGOs are as follows:-

- Tentage.
- Chairs.
- Sofa.
- Tables
- Curtains, Mat etc.
- Sound System.
- Light System.
- Generator.
- Banners/Hoardings.

Procedure for applying:-

The applicant Organizations may submit a detailed proposal, containing:

- Details of such celebrations / activities organized by them in the past.
- The duly filed in applications & recommended by area MLA along with copies of Registration Certificate and audited accounts should be submitted by the registered NGO/Organization to the Department for the welfare of SC/ST/OBC, GNCT of Delhi, B Block, 2nd floor, Vikas Bhawan, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-02 , minimum 15 days in advance positively.

For full details, please visit Department website:- scstwelfare.delhigovt.nic.in

DEPARTMENT FOR THE WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI,****B-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P.ESTATE, NEW DELHI-02**

DIP/Shabdarth/0623/19-20

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**E-Open Tender Notice**

E-Tender notice no. CRW-HRT-M-Trimming-2019-2 Date : 06.09.2019
For and on behalf of President of India, Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut invites open e-tender for the following works as detailed:-

1. Name of work with its location : Outsourcing of stripping, unloading, transporting, repairing, loading and fitting of seat and berth of WGSCN/ GS/SLR/SLRD/GSCZ coaches at carriage Repair Workshop Harnaut for a period two years. **2. Approx. cost of the work :** Rs. 10773370.00 (Rupees One crore seven lakh seventy three thousand three hundred seventy only) **3. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 203900.00 (Rupees two lakh three thousand nine hundred only). **4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender :** The tender have to be submitted online on www.iimps.gov.in up to 12.00 hrs. on 10.10.2019 and will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. **5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen :** Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria & tender documents can be seen from the CRIS website : <http://www.iimps.gov.in> & full details of notice can be seen on notice board in the office of Chief Workshop Manager, Administrative Building, Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut, Nalanda, Bihar-803110. All Corrigendum will be uploaded on website if required.

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer
Carriage Repair Workshop/ Harnaut
PR/01180/HRT/MECH/T/19-20/48

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**E-TENDER NOTICE**

TENDER NOTICE NO. : CLW-DKAE-WC-570-CL-19-20. E-tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: **SL No. 01; Tender No. CLW-DKAE-WC-570-CL-19-20; Name of the work :** Cable laying activities in 40 nos. WAG-9H locomotive at ELAAU/ Dankuni; **Tender value (Rupees) :** 31,87,853.60 (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Three and Sixty Paise) only; **Cost of tender document (Rupees) :** 3,000.00 (Rupees Three thousand only); **Earnest money (Rupees) :** 63,800.00 (Rupees Sixty Three Thousand Eight Hundred) only; **Period of completion :** 12 (twelve) months. **NOTE :** (i) Complete details can be seen in the Railways website www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.iimps.gov.in (ii) Contact Number : 8170043015. (iii) Date of closing of tender submission is 03.10.2019 at 12:00 hrs.

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**Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Department
Office of the Superintending Engineer,
System & Operation Cr.-1st Bemina Srinagar
E-mail:- secircle1@rediffmail.com tel. No. 0194-2491338****INVITAION FOR e-BIDS FOR E-NIT NO.:****SE-I/S&O/01 Of 2019 Dated: 04.09.2019**

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State online e-bids are hereby invited for “Turnkey Projects including Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Transporation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of HTLS Re-conductoring of Transmission Line with HTLS (INVAR type or Carbon Fibre Composite core type) HTLS conductor, Insulator, hardware fitting & accessories for 132KV Pampore-Cheshmashahai and Pampore-Khonmoh section of 132kV D/C Pampore-Cheshmashahai Tr. Line passing over Zabarwan Hill associated with strengthening of transmission system of JKPPD under PMDP Scheme-15 in Kashmir Valley (Jammu & Kashmir)”

The tender documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, drawings, bill of quantities (BOQ) set of terms and conditions of contract etc. is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Interested bidders may view, downloaded the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:-

	Tender No.	Tender Estimate In Rs. Lacs	Earnest Money In Rs. Lacs	Cost of Tender Document in Rs.
	SE-I/S&O/01 of 2019 Dated: 04.09.2019	1400.00	28.00	5000 (Five Thousand Only) (Non-refundable)
A	Date & Time of downloading of Bidding Document	The Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 06.09.2019 2000 Hrs. Onwards)		
B	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	07.09.2019 from 1000 Hrs.		
C	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	10.10.2019 upto 1400 Hrs.		
D	Deadline for submission of hard copy	09.10.2019 upto 13.00 Hr.		
E	Date of opening Techno-Commercial Bid	12.10.2019 at 2000 Hrs.		

(For complete details please download tender documents from official Website: <http://jktenders.gov.in>)

Status of funds: Available

No.SE-I/S&O/1976, Dated: 07.09.2019

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
S&O Circle-1, Bemina Srinagar.

INVITAION FOR e-BIDS FOR**E-NIT No: SE-I/S&O/01 of 2019: Dated: 04.09.2019**

For and on behalf of Governor of Jammu & Kashmir State online bids in two covers valid for 180 days are invited from Registered manufacturers/firms/Joint Ventures/including company (ies). Government owned enterprises registered and incorporated in India as per Company Act 1956/2013 (with amendments from time to time) barring Government Departments as well as foreign bidders/MNCs not registered and incorporated in India fulfilling the eligibility criteria as laid down in Standard Bidding Document for below mentioned work. The complete bidding process is online. However, the hard copies consisting of cost of Tender document in the shape of Demand Draft and Bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (original instrument) in cover-I and Techno commercial bid (as per SBD) in cover II should reach the office of the Chief Engineer System and Operation Wing, Bemina, Srinagar, Kashmir, J&K one day before the last date of submission of e-bid. Financial bid/BOQ should be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

Description of Work:- “Turnkey Project including Design, manufacturing, supply, Transportation, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of HTLS Re-conductoring of Transmission Line with HTLS (INVAR type or Carbon Fibre Composite core type) HTLS conductor, Insulator Hardware fitting & accessories for 132KV Pampore-Cheshmashahai and Pampore-Khonmoh section of 132kV D/C Pampore-Cheshmashahai Tr. Line passing over Zabarwan Hill associated with strengthening of Transmission system of JKPPD under PMDP scheme-15” in Kashmir Valley (Jammu & Kashmir).”

1.The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in> Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:-

Critical Date Schedule	
A Estimated cost	1400.00 Lacs
B Cost of e-Bid document	Rupees 5,000/- (Non-refundable)
C Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 28.00 Lacs
D Date of issue of Notice	04.09.2019
E Date & Time of downloading of Bidding Document (start)	The Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://jktenders.gov.in from 06.09.2019 from 02.00 PM
F Start date for Receipt of Clarifications	06.09.2019
G Last date for Receipt of Clarifications	14.09.2019 upto 4.00 PM
H Pre-Bid Conference date	18.09.2019 at 2.00 PM
I Replies to Clarifications	21.09.2019 upto 12.00 Noon
K Bid submission (end) date & time	10.10.2019 upto 4.00 PM
L Online Commercial and Technical e-Bid opening date & Time	12.10.2019 at 2.00 PM
M Venue of opening of technical & commercial e-Bids	Office of Chief Engineer, System & Operation Wing, KMR Bemina at PDD Complex, Srinagar, Pin Code-190010
N Last date of submission of Hard Copy of Tender Documents.	09.10.2019 upto 03.00 PM

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of **Executive Engineer TLMO-I, Bemina** at PDD complex, Bemina, Srinagar and Earnest Money Deposit equivalent to 2% of the Advertised cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee issued by a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank only pledged to The Accounts Officer with Chief Engineer System and operation wing PDD complex Bemina Srinagar (J&K)
- The Department reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids/ the e-Bid process without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of department will be final and binding.
- Hard copy of Commercial & Technical documents (complete) should reach to the office of the Chief Engineer, system & Operation Wing, Srinagar one day before last date of submission of commercial and Technical e-Bid.
- Financial Bid must be submitted online only.
- Clarifications can be sought from the office of undersigned or an email dosokashmir@rediffmail.com/sandokashmir@rediffmail.com/secircle.1@rediffmail.com or phone/fax 0194-2491338.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
System & Operation Wing,
Circle-I, Bemina, Srinagar.

No: SE-I/S&O/1941-55:
Date: 04.09.2019
DIPK-NB: 0251/M

POLICY WATCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE

RBI panel to firm up mechanism for assessing adequacy of forex reserves

SUNNY VERMA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AFTER ADOPTING a fresh Economic Capital Framework, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is working on putting in place a formal mechanism to assess the adequacy of its foreign exchange, or forex, reserves. This is important as India's external liabilities have been higher than its forex reserves in recent years.

An internal group of RBI is working on developing a framework to assess whether forex reserves are adequate. The panel is expected to study how much reserves are adequate to cover various risks.

The Bimal Jalan Committee on Economic Capital Framework, in its report last month, noted that the RBI's forex reserves in 2008 were higher than country's external debt, a position which has reversed in 2019.

The year 2008 was tumultuous year as global financial services firm Lehman Brothers' went bankrupt that year, resulting in the financial crisis that also gripped India.

"At present, the foreign exchange reserves (more than \$400 billion) are significantly lower than the country's total external liabilities (\$1 trillion) and even lower than total external debt (\$500 billion). This position is in contrast to that in 2008 when India's foreign exchange reserves, at \$310 billion, exceeded the then total external debt of about US\$224 billion and provided a much larger coverage of total external liabilities that amounted to about \$426 billion," the Jalan Committee noted in its report.

"This needs to be taken into account in assessing the external risk being faced by the country and the possibility that the RBI may be required to increase the size of its forex reserves with its concomitant implications for the balance sheet, risks and desired economic capital. This is especially important given that the RBI's public policy objectives of maintaining external stability during a crisis would have to be pursued irrespective of the adequacy of

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its risk buffers," it added.

While the Jalan panel argued that the RBI should maintain a forward-looking view on the adequacy of its risk buffers even during normal times, it noted that the central bank in consultation with the government periodically reviews the adequacy of the country's forex reserves.

"Further, a separate internal group of the RBI is looking into the question of developing a formal framework to assess the adequacy of the forex reserves," the report said.

Safety and liquidity are currently the twin objectives of reserve management by the RBI in India, while return optimisation is also kept into mind. Foreign currency assets, gold, special drawing rights and reserve tranche position in the International Monetary Fund are the main components of India's forex reserves.

India's forex reserves at \$412.9 billion on March 31, 2019 were equivalent to 9.6 months of imports. The RBI conducted buy/ sell swap auctions of \$5 billion, for a tenor of three years in March, and a similar swap auction in April, which led to increase in forex reserves in 2019-20 so far. As on August 16, 2019, India's forex reserves were at \$430.5 billion — an increase of \$17.6 billion over end-March 2019.

The Reserve Bank's examination of the adequacy of forex reserves comes at a time when the Finance Ministry has announced plans to borrow a portion of its annual borrowings in international markets through issuance of sovereign bonds overseas. The Centre is expect to raise around \$10 billion from overseas markets through foreign currency bonds, on which it will have to bear currency risk.

MOVEMENTS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES



Note: RTP refers to the Reserve Tranche Position in the IMF; SDR is Special Drawing Rights; FCA Foreign Currency Assets

VEHICLE SALES ACROSS CATEGORIES DECLINE 23.55%

Auto sales witness worst-ever fall in Aug

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

AUTOMOBILE SALES witnessed its worst-ever drop in August across categories, with passenger car sales falling by as much as 41.09 per cent, according to data released by industry body SIAM on Monday. This is the steepest fall in overall vehicle sales in the country since the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) started recording wholesale vehicle sales data in 1997-98.

Vehicle sales across categories, including passenger vehicles (PVs) and two-wheelers and commercial vehicles (CVs) stood at 18,21,490 units last month, as against 23,82,436 units in August 2018, a fall of 23.55 per cent.

In July, overall auto sales had witnessed its sharpest decline in nearly 19 years, dropping 18.71 per cent to 18,25,148 units last month as against 22,45,223 units in July 2018.

In case of PVs, this was the tenth consecutive month of decline in automobile sales.

The PV category — which includes passenger cars, utility vehicles and vans — recorded its worst-ever fall in August, slumping by 31.57 per cent to 1,96,524 units from 2,87,198 units in the year-ago period.

EXPLAINED Industry expecting govt measures to tide over crisis

AUTOMOBILE SECTOR continued to report sharp drop in sales of all categories of vehicles in the month of August, putting pressure on the government to examine the industry's demand for tax reduction for the sector that is the largest contributor to the manufacturing output in the country.

Even as the GST Council is expected to discuss the demand for tax cut on cars, amid opposition by many states fearing revenue loss, the demand revival in the sector may not happen until the broader economy starts to grow faster than the 25-quarter low of 5 per cent recorded in April-June.

Previously, the worst decline in this segment was registered in July this year when sales had fallen 30.98 per cent to 2,00,790 units.

In the PV segment, market leader Maruti Suzuki India posted a 36.14 per cent fall in its August sales at 93,173 units. Within PV category, domestic car sales were down the highest by 41.09 per cent at 1,15,957 units as against 1,96,847 units in August 2018.

Two-wheeler sales declined by a record 22.24 per cent to 15,14,196 units in August 2019, compared to 19,47,304 units in August 2018. Commercial vehicle

sales were down 38.71 per cent to 51,897 units in August as compared with 84,668 units in August 2018. Similarly, motorcycle sales last month declined 22.33 per cent to 9,37,486 units as against 12,07,005 units a year earlier. Scooter sales declined by 22.19 per cent to 5,20,898 units as compared with 6,69,416 units in August last year.

During the April-August period, PV sales fell 23.54 per cent, two wheelers sales dipped 14.85 per cent and three wheelers sales fell 7.32 per cent, SIAM data showed. With prolonged slump

in sales, automobile and component manufacturers have been seeking Goods and Services Tax (GST) cut on automobiles to 18 per cent from 28 per cent to help the sector improve sales.

The Centre is expected to move the proposal for reduction in rate at the GST Council meeting to be held on September 20 in Goa. With the government facing concerns on raising tax resources, it is difficult that the GST Council will accede to any reduction in GST rate on automobile sector. While tax cut may improve sentiment, it is not immediately clear whether it will result in demand revival.

Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur last Friday asked automobile sector players to take up their demand for reduction in GST rate on cars with state finance ministers as well, who are part of the GST Council that takes a decision on such rate reductions.

"You are aware that any rate cut on GST needs to be approved first by the fitment committee, then by the GST Council. I request all of you to also reach out to the state finance ministers who are part of the GST Council," he said.

For the past 10 straight months now, almost all manufacturers of passenger vehicles and two-wheelers have been resorting to production cuts and plant closure for many days.

‘Mumbai 5th among co-living spaces in Asia-Pacific’

Mumbai is ranked 5th in Knight Frank's Co-living Index, which tracks markets' possibility of success as co-living destination in terms of flexible accommodation options for temporary and transient workforce

Major driving factors for growth opportunity in co-living sector in Mumbai:

- Job opportunities in financial sector
- Low housing affordability

Key attributes likely to contribute in fostering growth of Co-living:

- Tech & Financial Hub
- Venture Capital Deals & Growth
- Housing Affordability
- University Population
- General Population & Human Development Index
- Quality of Life

These attributes have been allocated different weights based on their relevance and importance which in



90%: Occupation of major co-living operators in Delhi-NCR, such as CoHo and Stanza Living

summation provides a metric to quantify the magnitude of co-living's likelihood of success across the cities

WHAT IS CO-LIVING: Building upon similar

85%: Occupation of operators in Bengaluru, including CoLive and Zolostays

concepts of shared spaces already in existence, such as hotels and hostels, co-living innovates by providing a curated social environment that builds upon the community via three

Rank	Asia-Pacific Cities	Total Score
1	Beijing	74
2	Tokyo	70
3	Shanghai	69
4	Hong Kong	69
5	Mumbai	66
6	Shenzhen	62
7	Bangkok	60
8	Seoul	56
9	Singapore	55
10	Taipei	54
11	New Delhi	53
19	Bengaluru	32

distinguishing characteristics; Shared Spaces, Events and Community

SBI cuts FD rates by 20-25 bps, MCLR by 10 bps

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

STATE BANK of India (SBI) Monday cut its retail term deposit rates by 20-25 basis points (bps) and bulk term deposit rates by 10-20 bps across tenors for the second time in the last two weeks.

The lender, which has linked almost all its loan and deposit products to the RBI's repo rate, also announced a cut in its lending rate — marginal cost-based lending rate (MCLR) — by another 10 bps across tenors, in a bid to cash in on the upcoming festive season.

With the latest rate cut, SBI has lowered the rates by 40 bps so far this fiscal in five successive rate cuts. The new rates are effective

EFFECTIVE TODAY

■ **The lender has linked almost all its loan and deposit products to the RBI's repo rate. The new rates are effective Tuesday, State Bank of India said in a statement**

Tuesday, SBI said in a statement. Accordingly, the one-year MCLR, for all existing retail lending rates, is down to 8.15 per cent from 8.25 per cent earlier. This is the lowest interest in the industry now. Other banks are also expected to follow suit in the coming days.

The bank attributed the falling

interest rate scenario and surplus liquidity for realigning its loan and deposit pricing. In April, when SBI had slashed rates for the first time by 5 bps, its one-year MCLR was at 8.55 per cent. Similar cuts were effected in May and July, while it went in for a higher 15 bps reduction in August, bringing down the benchmark rate to 8.25 per cent. And with the latest cut, it is down to a multi-year low of 8.15 per cent — the lowest in the industry.

SBI has already linked some deposit and loan categories to the repo rate and launched a repo-linked lending rate home loan.

For fixed deposits (FD) maturing in seven days to 45 days and 46 days to 179 days, the rate of interest is unchanged at 4.50 per cent and 5.50 per cent, respec-

tively. SBI slashed the interest rates by 20 bps to 5.80 per cent on deposits maturing in 180 days to less than one year. For FDs maturing in one year to less than 2 year, SBI has cut the rate by 20 bps to 6.50 per cent interest, instead of 6.70 per cent effective September 10.

It has also cut the interest rate on term deposits maturing in two years to less than three years by 25 bps to 25 per cent.

Rivals HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank offer 8.30 and 8.35 per cent, respectively, after their 10 bps reduction in the past two weeks.

It may be noted that lending rates are still much higher than the RBI's repo rate of 5.40 per cent — which is at a nine-year low after the RBI cut it by a cumulative 110 bps since February.

US TREASURY SECRETARY EXPECTS FED TO CUT RATES IN COMING MONTHS

Amid China trade war, US sees positive year for economy

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9

US TREASURY Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Monday said he did not see the threat of a recession as the Trump administration seeks to revive trade negotiations with China, adding that he expected a positive year ahead for the US economy. Speaking on *Fox Business Network*, Mnuchin said US officials still aimed to "get a good deal" with Beijing as talks between the world's two largest economies prepare to get under way in the coming weeks.

Chinese officials at the vice-minister level will travel to Washington in mid-September, followed by meetings in Washington between Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, Mnuchin,



US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin outside the White House on Monday. Reuters

and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. "We have a

document, we've made a lot of progress, they're coming here, I take that as a sign of good faith that they want to continue to negotiate," Mnuchin said.

"And we're prepared to negotiate. If we can get a good deal, a deal that's good for us, we'll sign it. If not the president is perfectly fine with continuing the tariffs."

Mnuchin told reporters outside the White House that Yi Gang, the People's Bank of China's governor, would attend the October meetings and the two sides would discuss "currency and currency manipulation." Mnuchin said he saw no signs of a US recession approaching, adding that markets have an expectation the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates in the coming months.

Ashok Leyland set to suspend production at several plants in Sept

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE manufacturer Ashok Leyland on Monday said that it will suspend work at its various manufacturing facilities across the country for certain periods in September in order to adjust production with market demand.

"Following are the non-working days at our various plant locations during September 2019 due to continued weak demand for our products," the company said in a regulatory filing.

The Chennai-based firm announced 16 non-working days for its facility in Ennore, five days at Hosur (Tamil Nadu) unit, 10 days each in Alwar (Rajasthan) and Bhandara (Maharashtra) unit and 18 days in Pantnagar (Uttarakhand) facilities.

The move comes in the wake of unprecedented slowdown in the domestic automobile industry, forcing auto companies to take

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production cuts in order to reduce inventory at dealerships.

Manufacturers, including market leader Maruti Suzuki India (MSI), have taken steps to cut production owing to weak demand in the market. MSI reduced its production by 33.99 per cent in August, making it the seventh straight month that the country's largest car maker reduced its output. Last month, Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) had announced to suspend production for 8-14 days in the ongoing quarter while Tata Motors also confirmed taking steps to align manufacturing with tapering demand.

SATYAM COMPUTER CASE

SAT overturns Sebi ban order on Price Waterhouse

KHUSHBOONARAYAN
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

THE SECURITIES Appellate Tribunal (SAT) Monday overturned Sebi's January 2018 order that banned Price Waterhouse (PW) from auditing listed firms for two years for its alleged role in the Rs 7,800 crore Satyam Computer Services Ltd (SCSL) scam of 2009.

"In the instant case, there is no shred of evidence to show that the auditor/audit firm had fabricated or falsified or fudged the books of account of SCSL in collusion with the top management of SCSL. Further, fraud cannot be proved only on alleged gross negligence, carelessness or recklessness as amounting to collusion and connivance on a preponderance of probabilities," said a 125-page order of SAT passed by its presiding officer Tarun Agarwalla and member CKG Nair.

On Friday, however, SAT partly allowed disgorgement of the Rs 13 crore fee from PW, the auditor of Satyam Computer when its chairman B Ramalinga Raju publicly admitted to an accounting fraud in 2009.

The tribunal said that only Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the apex body of auditors, can take any action against its members, adding that fraud cannot be proved on the basis of negligence in auditing. "Sebi can only take remedial and preventative action. The direction issued is neither remedial nor preventative. But punitive," SAT said.

It added if there was any dereliction of duties, it was on the part

of the two partners for which PW's other 10 associate firms can't be banned just because they have resource sharing agreements.

"There is no evidence to indicate that the ten firms had any role to play in the audit of SCSL. These ten firms had nothing to do with the audit of SCSL. They had no knowledge of the day to day affairs of SCSL either directly or indirectly. There is not even a whisper of a finding in the impugned order against the ten firms about any connivance or collusion or intention or knowledge on their part in the audit of SCSL. The entire basis of debarring the ten firms is the resource sharing agreement, the brand PW and the networking of PW as a brand ... the approach adopted by the WTM (whole-time member of Sebi) is patently erroneous and is flawed," SAT said.

The order also said that during the pendency of the SAT proceedings, PW has been auditing listed companies "to the satisfaction of the shareholders and/or of the investors without any blemish".

It added that over the last decade, PW has adopted extensive remedial measures as per Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)/ Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) settlement orders. "The independent monitors appointed by SEC/PCAOB have certified that remedial measures have been successfully implemented, meaning thereby that the audit quality met with the requisite standards. Thus looking from this angle also, the order of debarment was not the appropriate choice."

US SEC chairman warns over corporate debt, market risks

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9

THE HEAD of the top US markets regulator on Monday issued a warning over market risks including rising corporate debt, a UK withdrawal from the European Union, and the transition away from a key lending rate.

Jay Clayton, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), told an audience in New York he continued to be concerned over corporate debt growth, which he said had been fostered by a decade of accommodative monetary policies. In the US, outstanding corporate

debt stands at almost \$10 trillion, almost 50 per cent of GDP, he said. "Those are numbers that should attract our attention," said Clayton. The US corporate bond market, the world's largest, has offered robust returns, particularly for foreign investors although Clayton added that there are signs those returns may be slowing.

He added that the SEC, alongside other regulators, should monitor flows into and out of credit funds. Clayton also said US banks should assess their exposure to the London interbank offering rate, known as Libor, ahead of a 2021 deadline to transition away from the lending benchmark rate.

World Bank’s Georgieva poised to be IMF’s 2nd female chief

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9

A TOP executive at the World Bank, Kristalina Georgieva of Bulgaria, is now officially unopposed in her bid to become only the second woman ever to lead the International Monetary Fund, the fund announced Monday.

Georgieva’s rise perpetuates Europe’s long-standing control over the designation of the fund’s leadership. She inherits the helm of an institution buffeted by the rise of populism in advanced economies and escalating trade conflicts — the largest of which has been driven by the US, the fund’s single biggest shareholder.

Currently on leave as the World Bank’s chief executive officer, Georgieva will replace former IMF chief Christine Lagarde, who has been named to lead the European Central Bank. The nominating period closed on Friday, a day after the fund formally lifted the age limit of 65 years for its leadership, clearing the way for the 66-year-old to take up the top role at the 189-member IMF.

US states start antitrust probe against big tech firms

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 9

ATTORNEYS GENERAL from 48 US states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have opened an antitrust probe into big tech companies that focuses on Alphabet’s Google, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton formally announced on Monday.

Paxton leads the probe, he said, which will focus on Google’s advertising business.

The Big Tech companies that were once praised as engines of economic growth with massive efficiencies have increasingly come under fire for allegedly misusing their clout in the market and lapses such as privacy breaches.

Alibaba set for ‘major challenge’ as Jack Ma to step down today

JOSH HORWITZ
SHANGHAI, SEPTEMBER 9

ALIBABA GROUP chairman Jack Ma will step down from the Chinese firm on Tuesday, leaving his handpicked successor a daunting task of steering the \$460 billion juggernaut at a time when the market for its core e-commerce business has slowed sharply.

As Ma, who turns 55 on Tuesday, holds centrestage at his farewell party in the 80,000-capacity Hangzhou Olympic Sports Center stadium to the accompaniment of music and celebrity performances, attendees will be hoping to get clues on how

HCL Tech to acquire Sankalp Semiconductor

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

HCL TECHNOLOGIES on Monday said it will acquire Sankalp Semiconductor, an advanced technology design services provider, for Rs 180 crore.

This strategic acquisition would enable HCL to further expand into newer market-domains, especially in analog and mixed signal design, an official statement said.

Sankalp provides end-to-end solutions in automotive, consumer, Internet of Things (IoT), medical electronics, networking and wireless domains. Set up in 2005, the company’s revenue stood at Rs 141.2 crore in 2018-19. It has business operations in India, the US, Canada and Germany.

As per a regulatory filing, the all-cash deal is worth Rs 180 crore and is expected to close in the first week of October.

MFs’ ASSET BASE RISES TO ₹25.47 LAKH CR, SAYS AMFI

Braving volatility, mutual funds see ₹1 lakh crore inflows in Aug

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 9

MUTUAL FUND (MF) houses witnessed an overall inflow of Rs 1.02 lakh crore in the month of August, as against Rs 87,000 crore in July, despite the volatility in the capital markets, according to figures released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

Of the total inflows, liquid funds alone saw an impressive over Rs 79,000 crore in August. Open-ended equity schemes witnessed an infusion of Rs 9,152 crore, while there was a small outflow of Rs 62 crore in close-ended equity plans, taking total equity inflows to Rs 9,090 crore last month. In July, net inflow in such schemes stood at Rs 8,092 crore.

Among debt-oriented schemes, liquid funds saw an infusion of Rs 79,428 crore last month, as against Rs 45,441 crore in July. Besides, gold exchange-traded funds saw a total inflow of Rs 145 crore against an outflow of Rs 17.66 crore, AMFI said. The equity inflow stood at Rs 9,152 crore, against Rs 8,112 crore previously.

INDUSTRY AUM AT ₹24.53 LAKH CR IN JUL-END	
■ The mutual funds industry logged in assets under management (AUM) of Rs 24.53 lakh crore in July-end, according to data released by Association of Mutual Funds of India	■ The industry added 4.81 lakh folios — numbers designated to individual investor accounts, though an investor can have multiple accounts — in August to a total of 8.53 cr

AMFI said mutual funds’ asset base rose to Rs 25.47 lakh crore in August, a rise of 4 per cent as against in the previous month, on the back of robust inflows in equity and liquid schemes. The industry logged in assets under management (AUM) of Rs 24.53 lakh crore in July-end, according to AMFI data. Fund managers attributed growth in the overall asset base to higher retail participation and robust inflows in equity schemes and liquid funds.

“Retail investor interest in equity mutual funds, for the fourth time in succession, continues to be steady, displaying maturity despite uncertain economic and volatile market situation. Net inflows, largely in all categories of

equity funds, especially in small and mid-cap funds, as also in the ELSS (equity-linked saving scheme) segment, signify heightened confidence and interest in emerging businesses and disciplined tax planning,” AMFI CEO NS Venkatesh said.

On September’s outlook, he said, “On the equity side, SIPs (systematic investment plans) would witness robust flows and on the debt side, liquid funds may see volatility owing to quarter-end phenomenon.”

Inflows in MFs through SIPs in August stood at Rs 8,230.76 crore, a slight fall as compared with Rs 8,324.28 crore a month ago. The total AUM of SIPs amounted to Rs 271,104 crore as on August 31,

2019. There were 2.81 crore SIP accounts as of August 2019.


The MF industry added 4.81 lakh folios — numbers designated to individual investor accounts, though an investor can have multiple accounts — last month to a total of 8.53 crore.

The Indian MF industry is eyeing a four-fold rise in AUMs to Rs 100 lakh crore from the existing level of Rs 25 lakh crore, and a five-fold rise in investor base to 100 million (from existing 20 million) by the next decade, according to the AMFI-BCG Vision Document.

Diversifying the distribution outreach by leveraging the wide network of banks and post offices across the country, significantly augmenting the distribution base by another four lakh, strengthening direct and digital channels thus ensuring last-mile connectivity, and achieving inclusion through tech-led simplified entry-level on-boarding and offering simple savings solutions, would be key to MF industry adding 80 million new investors and accomplishing the Rs 100 lakh crore AUM opportunity, the vision document added.

‘Funding challenges, slowdown to hit NBFCs’ growth’

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has cut its growth forecast for non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) for FY20 to 10-12 per cent from 15 per cent in view of the “funding challenges and slowdown in economic activity”



Moderation in profitability: With rise in funding cost and falling lending opportunities leading to increased margin pressure, profitability is expected to moderate across the industry

Sector outlook negative: The agency has revised its sector outlook on NBFCs to negative from stable, while maintaining negative outlook on large ticket HFCs\

SF-rated transactions to be stable: Structured finance (SF) rated transactions are expected to remain stable in second half of FY20, on account of

- Cherry-picked loans
- Minimum utilisation of credit enhancement
- Robust performance of underlying retail & commercial loan assets

ALTERNATE MODES OF

FUND-RAISING: Post the credit crisis in September 2018, NBFCs had to increasingly rely on alternate measures to generate liquidity, including through asset sales, securitisation and

direct assignments of loans

LOANS BY MFISTO BE STABLE: Despite the ongoing economic slowdown, the agency expects the performance of loans extended by microfinance institutions (MFIs) to remain stable, as the payments are granular and more frequent

SUPPORT MEASURES FOR NBFCs FROM GOVT:

- Increasing ticket size to be included in the priority sector status
- Partial credit guarantee for securitisation transactions
- Allowing firm to access ECBs to repay rupee loans taken for capex or on-lending

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Will welcome all export-oriented investment from China: NITI Aayog

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
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NITI AAYOG Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar on Monday urged Chinese businesses to look at India as an export destination from where they can sell their products to various countries.

“We will welcome all export-oriented investment from China. I am also pleased to hear the kind of opportunities that we can have for the Chinese investment in our infrastructure, in our railways, in our roads, ports, airports, everywhere, even in our real estate,” Kumar said at the India-China Economic Cooperation Forum organised by the CII here.

India, China to join hands for developing new solar cell tech

New Delhi: India and China have agreed on cooperation in R&D for developing new technology for manufacturing solar cell from alternate material and improvement of efficiency of solar cells, Niti Aayog said on Monday. Both sides have also agreed on co-operation in the field of e-mobility and energy storage.

This among issues was discussed during the sixth India-China Strategic



Economic Dialogue, which concluded on Monday.

“Both sides agreed on co-operation in R&D for developing new technology for manufacturing solar cell from alternate material and improvement of efficiency of solar cells,” it said.

Senior representatives from policy making, industry and academia participated in this dialogue from both the sides. **PTI**

Elaborating on the export-oriented investment from China, he said it is akin to American investment in China which is all

Have reservations on joining RCEP over China trade gap: Govt

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SINGAPORE, SEPTEMBER 9

INDIA ON Monday said it has reservations on joining the proposed mega free trade agreement RCEP as it is concerned over the “protectionist policies” of China that have created a significant trade deficit between the two nations, as high as \$57 billion in 2018.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed mega free trade agreement being negotiated among 16 nations including the ASEAN bloc (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and its six trading partners India, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, during a panel discussion at the inaugural session of India-Singapore Business & Innovation Summit here, said India remained concerned over the “unfair” market access to Indian products and the “protectionist policies” of Beijing that have created a significant trade deficit between the two nations.

The trade deficit with India in 2018, according to official Chinese data, climbed to \$57.86 billion from \$51.72 billion in 2017 in about \$95.54 total bilateral trade. “The big concerns of India are of course, one, its relationship with China because we have an enormous trade deficit with China,” Jaishankar said in re-

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S JAISHANKAR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER

sponse to a question on the ongoing negotiations for the RCEP.

The Indian industry has already raised concerns over the presence of China in the grouping. Representatives of various sectors, including dairy, metals, electronics, chemicals, and textiles, have urged the government not to agree on duty cut in these segments while negotiating the RCEP. India has time and again sought greater market access for its goods and services like pharma, IT and agri produce in the Chinese market with a view to bridging the widening trade gap, but has not achieved the much-desired result.

Due to the dumping of several goods by Chinese firms in India, New Delhi has imposed anti-dumping duties on those items from sectors like chemicals and iron and steel. At the session, also attended by his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan, Jaishankar said India fears that the RCEP deal, which would call for a lowering of tariffs or import duties, would lead to a flood of goods from China while not assuring India of an equal access to the Chinese markets, thereby widening its large trade deficit.

Chinese Taipei takes India to WTO over ICT duties

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

CHINESE TAIPEI has dragged India into the WTO’s dispute settlement mechanism over imposition of import duties on certain ICT products, including mobile phones, alleging breach of global trade norms. It claims India has imposed the duties on 11 categories of ICT products in excess of India’s bound duty rates for the goods.

According to a World Trade Organization (WTO) statement, Chinese Taipei has requested dispute consultations with India regarding duties imposed by India on imports of certain information and communications technology (ITC) goods.

The request was circulated to WTO members on Monday.

In October last year, India hiked import duty on certain communication items, including base stations, to up to 20 per cent.

BRIEFLY

NCLT asks SBI not to sell some Videocon assets

Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has asked SBI not to go ahead with its plans to sell the overseas oil & gas assets of Videocon Industries in its bid to recover some of its dues from the bankrupt group.

Union Bank board approves merger plan

New Delhi: Union Bank of India on Monday said its board of directors has approved merger of Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank with itself and given nod for a capital infusion of Rs 17,200 crore in current fiscal.

Sun Pharma fully acquires PJSC Biosintez

New Delhi: Sun Pharmaceutical Industries on Monday said its Netherlands-based arm has fully acquired PJSC Biosintez, Russia by purchasing 3.04 per cent stake in the company under the mandatory tender offer.

Bharat Road insolvency process halted

New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has set aside insolvency proceedings against Bharat Road Network Ltd, and directed the Kolkata bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to close the matter.

RCap to sell 3.15% stake in RNAM

Mumbai: Reliance Capital will sell up to 1.93 crore shares, representing 3.15 per cent equity, in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM) for over Rs 505 crore on exchanges via ‘Offer for Sale’ route on Wednesday and Thursday.

AI Corp to buy 68% stake in DFM Foods

New Delhi: PE firm Advent International Corporation (AI Corp) has entered into a pact with the promoters of DFM Foods to acquire 67.9 per cent stake in the firm for around Rs 851.6 crore. **PTI**

Nissan’s CEO to quit on Sept 16

Yokohama: Nissan Motor Co CEO Hiroto Saikawa will resign on September 16, the automaker said on Monday, bowing to pressure after he admitted to being improperly overpaid. **REUTERS**

Home loan securitisation: RBI committee proposes standardising documents

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A RESERVE Bank committee on Monday suggested standardisation of loan documents and setting up of a government-sponsored intermediary under the National Housing Bank (NHB) for development of the home loan securitisation market.

Among other things, the Committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market also recommended that the central government should exempt mortgage-backed securitisation from stamp duty as has been done in the case of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs).

Securitisation involves pooling of loans and selling them to a special purpose vehicle which then issues securities called pass-through certificates (PTCs) backed by the loan pool.

Well-developed securitisation market can emerge as a reliable

complement to other sources of funding for home loan lenders, in addition to reducing volatility in funding for such loans.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2019 had set up a committee to suggest steps for development of the loan securitisation market under Harsh Vardhan, senior advisor, Bain & Co.

The RBI, which has posted the report on its website, has invited comments from the stakeholders by September 13.

The NHB, the report said, should undertake efforts to establish the loan origination standards (at least for the affordable housing loans) on a priority basis and set up the infrastructure for obtaining and disseminating pool performance data for all securitisation transactions.

“An intermediary to promote housing finance securitisation with the primary functions of standard-setting and market making should be established by NHB,” it said.

Phase II of Tajikistan’s Roghun HPP kicks off

Development of energy sector key for achieving expedited industrialisation, says President Rahmon


SANDEEP SINGH
DUSHANBE, SEPTEMBER 9

ON THE occasion of the nation’s 28th Independence Day, Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon inaugurated the second phase of Roghun Hydropower plant (HPP) on Monday, thereby adding additional 600 MW to the country’s existing power capacity.

The hydropower project — slated to be the tallest in the world upon its completion in 2028, with a height of 335 metres — has now achieved a capacity of 1,200 mega watt (MW), with the inauguration of its second phase. Once complete, the Roghun HPP will have an installed capacity of 3,600 MW.

With the launch the second phase of Roghun HPP, the dam has now achieved a height of 135 m and the total hydropower capacity of the country has reached nearly 6,000 MW.

Speaking after the launch of the power unit, Rahmon said, “Ensuring energy security is among the strategic objectives of the government and it will mo-



A general view shows a machine hall of Roghun hydroelectric power station on the Vakhsh River, east of Tajikistan’s capital Dushanbe. Reuters File Photo

bilise all resources and capacity it has to achieve this objective”.

He added that 12 public investment projects with total amount of TJS 16 billion (\$1.65 billion) aimed at developing the energy sector are under implementation at present and TJS 7.2 bn (\$743 million) has been absorbed within these projects so far.

The Central Asian country —

particularly for achievement of our fourth national objective — expedited industrialisation of the country,” Rahmon said.

Government officials, while speaking to *The Indian Express*, said that once Tajikistan achieves energy surplus, it can push forward its objective of industrialisation. Currently, the country is an agriculture-driven economy.

In a press statement issued on Monday, the government said that after full commissioning of the Roghun power station, it will be possible to create dozens of small and large industrial enterprises and generate thousands of new jobs.

Besides, the surplus power will also be exported to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan. Tajikistan is surrounded by Afghanistan, China, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Electricity from the Roghun HPP is already being supplied to the electricity system of Tajikistan by the 500 kilo watt (KV) Roghun-Dushanbe power transmission line, which was commissioned on the day of the launch of the first

station unit in November last year.

While the construction of Roghun dam was initiated on October 29, 2016, the first phase of the project with installed capacity of 600 MW was launched on November 16, 2018. Located on the Vakhsh river, Roghun HPP will be the largest hydropower project in the region, the government said in a statement. It also pointed that more than 25,000 workers, engineers and other technical personnel have worked on the project.

The Roghun HPP is planned to be used as a multi-purpose dam, including for generating electricity, regulating water, reducing the risk of floods and mitigating droughts. The renewable energy project — that gels with international efforts on green energy and combating climate change — is being built with the involvement of over 70 organisations from around the world including China and Russia. Italy’s Salini Impregilo is involved in the building of the highest dam.

The correspondent was in Dushanbe at the invitation of Government of Tajikistan

THE FUTURE OF THE RIGHT

The People’s Revolutionary Conservative Front

How Britain’s staid Conservative Party became a radical insurgency

IMAGINE A conservative MP and your mind’s eye might conjure up Philip Hammond. The former chancellor is tall, grey and with a sense of humour that matches his fiscal policy: extra-dry. If not Mr Hammond, then perhaps a figure in the mould of Kenneth Clarke. The rotund, cigar-chomping jazz enthusiast has served in practically every senior government job bar prime minister in a 49-year stint as a Tory MP. Failing that, consider Sir Nicholas Soames, a former defence minister. He has a Churchillian manner, largely because Winston Churchill was his grandfather. The three embody the parliamentary Conservative Party in different ways. Yet they are no longer in it.

The trio were among 21 Conservative MPs to have the whip withdrawn and be barred from standing for the party again after they supported a plan to make Boris Johnson, the prime minister, seek a delay to Britain’s scheduled departure from the European Union on October 31st. The purge was only the most visible part of a revolution that is transforming the world’s oldest political party. Those who advocate fiscal prudence, social liberalism and an orderly departure from the EU have been routed. Those who demand free-spending authoritarianism and a “do-or-die” escape from the yoke of Brussels are ascendant. ConservativeHome, a blog for party activists, described this week as “the end of the Conservative Party as we have known it”. It proved too much for even the prime minister’s brother, Jo, who resigned as an MP on September 5th, “torn between family loyalty and the national interest”.

The revolution has required ideological flexibility from those who wish to survive it. The cabinet is full of MPs who are historically small-state Conservatives. Four of the five authors of “Britannia Unchained”, a paean to small government published by ambitious young Tory MPs in 2012, when fiscal austerity was in fashion, now sit in a cabinet intent on opening the public-spending taps. A spending round on September 4th included measures that will increase the size of the state as a percentage of GDP for the first time since 2010. Sajid Javid, the chancellor, is a fan of Ayn Rand and hangs pictures of Margaret Thatcher in his office. Yet on Mr Johnson’s instructions he announced an extra £13.8bn (\$16.9bn) in election-friendly giveaways, paid for with extra borrowing.

There is also new thinking on law and order. Another 20,000 police officers are to be hired, and a review of whether prison sentences are too soft is expected. Priti Patel, who has called for a clampdown on immigration and once supported the return of capital punishment, is home secretary. It is a far cry from what some in the party thought Mr Johnson had in store. “Expect a liberal centrist,” advised one MP, who now sits in the cabinet, before Mr Johnson became prime minister. Wags have dubbed the new Tory domestic



Britain’s Prime Minister Boris Johnson at the House of Commons in London on September 3. Under Johnson, sedition is not acceptable, as this week’s purge was intended to show. Reuters

agenda: “Fund the NHS, hang the paedos.”

The hardest line is on Brexit. Conservative MPs appreciate that they must get Britain out of the EU if they are to keep their seats. Yet Mr Johnson’s approach, which seems likely to end in no-deal, leaves a quiet majority of the parliamentary party uneasy. No-dealers make up only a small fraction of Tory MPs. A cabinet member who enthusiastically campaigned for Brexit admits that no-deal would be a catastrophe. But MPs are willing to serve, partly because Mr Johnson seems determined to move things forward one way or another. “They may not agree, but they are happy for

the direction,” says one cabinet minister.

Setting the route is Dominic Cummings, the prime minister’s chief adviser, who will not even say whether he is a member of the Conservatives. When running for office, Mr Johnson promised an inclusive, “one nation” style of government. Instead, he has set about shaking the country’s institutions, suspending Parliament for the longest period since 1945 in order to reduce the time MPs have to debate Brexit. Hitherto unimaginable tactics, such as asking the queen to veto anti-no-deal legislation, are now openly discussed. “This Conservative government... seems to not be

very conservative, fiscally or institutionally,” noted Ryan Shorthouse of Bright Blue, a liberal Tory think-tank.

The strong-arm techniques are in stark contrast to the days when David Cameron ran the party, and Eurosceptic rebels ran amok. Under Mr Johnson, such sedition is not acceptable, as this week’s purge was intended to show. Figures from Vote Leave, the main campaigning group behind the Brexit vote, call the shots in Downing Street, causing long-serving Tory MPs to shake their jowls at the state of affairs. Sir Roger Gale, an MP since 1983, declared: “You have, at the heart of

Number 10, as the prime minister’s senior adviser, an unelected, foul-mouthed oaf.” A “One Nation” group of about 100 moderate Conservative MPs have demanded that Mr Johnson reinstate their sacked colleagues.

Yet for all the fury over the deselections, Mr Cummings’s strategy remains just about intact. The prime minister and his aides want an election in which Mr Johnson is portrayed as the champion of a people defied by wily politicians, with the promise of a cash tsunami about to break over Britain’s public services if people vote Tory. “He gets the election he wanted and the framing he wanted,”

says one former Downing Street aide. Nor will the revolution necessarily be permanent. A socially conservative offer to voters tempted by Nigel Farage’s Brexit Party may last only until the next general election, says Tim Bale of Queen Mary University of London.

“What this country needs is sensible, moderate, progressive Conservative government,” declared Mr Johnson during a stilted performance in prime minister’s questions on September 4th. Yet with the Tory party in its current state, Britain will have to wait.

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CHAGUAN

Not yet a coming-out party

Gay Chinese take a modest first step towards civil unions

TWO DECADES ago there were no gay men in China. That, at least, was the claim of a senior Chinese official when asked what proportion of his country’s HIV cases involved homosexual transmission. His questioner, a government minister visiting from Britain in 2000, offered her host a wager: £100 that there were, in fact, gay Chinese. “I note that he didn’t take the bet,” the minister scoffed as she related the exchange to a clutch of Beijing-based reporters later that day. The British ambassador, teacup frozen in mid-air, hastily declared the minister’s comments off-the-record.

Chaguan attended that long-ago embassy tea party during a first posting to China. Back then Communist Party officials routinely called same-sex attraction a sickness carried by foreigners and Chinese doctors classified it as a mental disorder. Criminal penalties for homosexual acts were abolished only in 1997.

A generation later, that era of denial seems almost quaint. On September 2nd Chaguan interviewed Peng Yanzi and Yang Yi, an openly—indeed cheerfully—gay Chinese couple, about their plans to register as one another’s legal guardian. Amid much joking and finishing of each other’s sentences in a coffee shop in Guangzhou, their southern home town, Mr Peng, 36, and Mr Yang, 31, explained the documents they are drafting with the help of a local public notary. The mutual agreement will allow each to take medical and some financial decisions for the other, should they grow infirm, undergo surgery or otherwise lose their faculties. They are among a pioneering band of same-sex Chinese couples taking

Activists stress how gay love is compatible with traditional family values. One of China’s largest support groups, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, gives pride of place to parents who profess their acceptance of their children’s homosexuality

advantage of a guardianship law initially drafted with the elderly in mind. This was amended in 2017 to cover all adults. A few months later creative lawyers and activists realised that registering as mutual guardians could give same-sex couples some legal protections, even if those fall well short of those provided by gay marriage.

The democratic island of Taiwan legalised same-sex marriage in May, over the objections of conservatives steeped in Chinese cultural and religious values. For now, same-sex unions remain unthinkable on the Chinese mainland. Marriage between one man and one woman “suits our country’s national condition and historical and cultural traditions”, a spokesman for China’s parliament declared in August.

“We’re using what we can find in the current legal system to protect ourselves,” says Mr Peng, who works for LGBT Rights Advocacy China, an NGO. He lives in an unusually laid-back metropolis. But mutual

guardianships between gay people have also been signed in other cities, including Changsha, Nanjing and Shanghai. Nationwide attention was sparked in August when a notary’s office in Beijing, where every act is weighed for its political correctness, approved the capital’s first known same-sex guardianship agreement. Almost as significant, to activists, was the neutral, even supportive coverage of the event in state-owned media. Posts about mutual guardianship in Beijing have cumulatively earned over 100m views on Weibo, a microblogging platform.

Official tolerance is not unlimited. Several notarial offices have used social media to announce same-sex guardianship agreements, only to swiftly delete the posts. Censors have stepped up efforts to shield Chinese audiences from depictions of gay life in films, on television and online. In late 2018 a female author of gay erotic fiction was jailed for ten years on pornography charges.

Mr Peng and Mr Yang face a dilemma that is familiar to all who try to build a stronger civil society in China. They hope to see many more couples take advantage of mutual guardianship. They were shaken when a lesbian friend died, whereupon her parents took possession of her home and car, leaving her long-standing partner bereft. “We realised that in the eyes of the law, they were still strangers even after living together for six or seven years,” says Mr Peng about the lesbian couple. “Like roommates,” interjects Mr Yang. Beyond the practical benefits of guardianship, increasing the visibility of gay Chinese is a long-term goal. However, they would prefer not to attract too much attention,



Gay groups in China take striking care to avoid terms liable to alarm the party, such as human or civil rights. Reuters

in case the government—which has yet to signal its view of same-sex guardianship agreements—decides that it disapproves.

Ready to hold up their bit of the sky

Gay groups in China take striking care to avoid terms liable to alarm the party, such as human or civil rights. Instead they stress how gay love is compatible with traditional family values. One of China’s largest support groups, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, gives pride of place to parents who profess their acceptance of their children’s homosexuality. One of the group’s recent meetings in Beijing was conspicuously

wholesome. Smartly dressed mothers sat around the edge of the room, making small talk about options for reaching the gathering by public transport, and politely admiring smartphone pictures of each other’s offspring. Meanwhile, youngsters in campaign T-shirts put out folding chairs and rainbow flags. Once under way, the meeting featured testimonials from mothers and their lesbian daughters about family heartbreak and forgiveness.

Ming, a 22-year old student at the meeting, is guardedly optimistic. The party no longer seeks to control every aspect of people’s personal lives as it did decades ago, she says. She sees government caution about gay marriage as a bid to avoid affronting majority

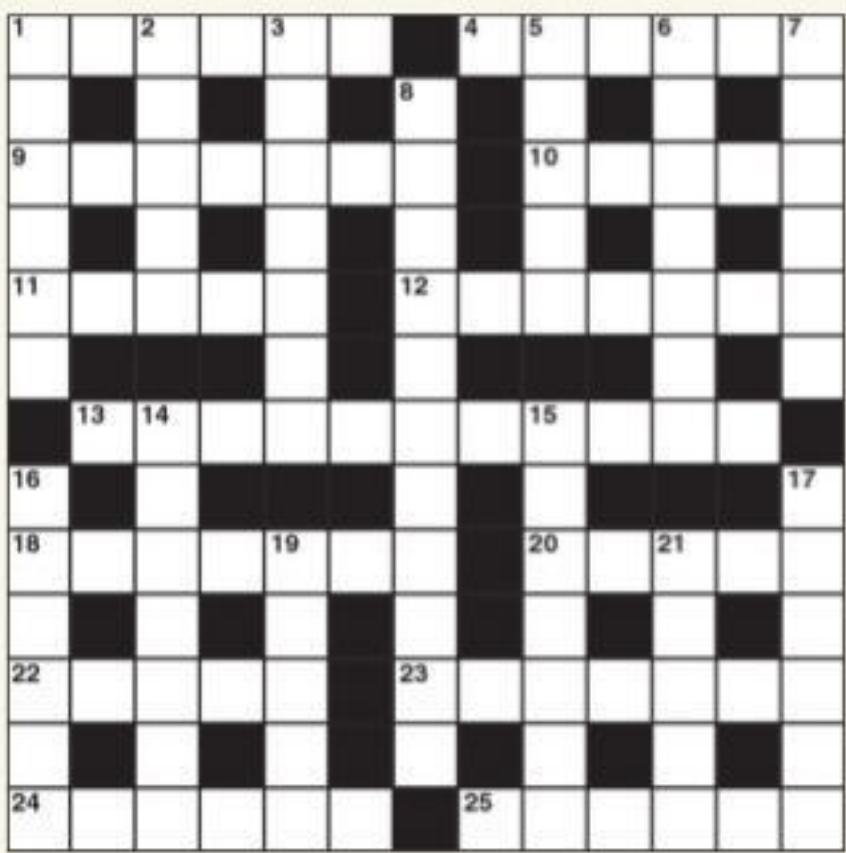
public opinion. Attitudes to gay rights are generational, she reports. She has not come out to her own parents, who think of homosexuality as a disease. That is why her real name is not used here. But once those born in or after the 1990s become China’s mainstream, “I believe things will be different,” Ming says.

Until then, gay campaigners will stress small, pragmatic steps like mutual guardianship. China’s rulers are obsessed with maintaining social stability. Gay Chinese couples are ready to help, by taking responsibility for their own welfare. At least the party now admits they exist.

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CROSSWORD 3906



- ACROSS**
- One's doctor gives one two notes to take in (6)
 - Old-fashioned neckwear kept in shops (6)
 - Nothing in the ship is of extravagant style (7)
 - Farewell announcement that is socially acceptable (5)
 - Display of no interest? (5)
 - Large volume of transport? (7)
 - A little work that is bound to help one on one's way (6,5)
 - An hotel looks different in Ireland (7)
 - A rustic link with a number (5)
 - Opening for a craftsman (5)
 - Determined, though certain to come in last (7)
 - Pleased about getting in, but didn't look it! (6)
 - Set out and had a meal of what's left (6)
- DOWN**
- It's natural in food, we hear (6)
 - Restriction on a nobleman (5)
 - Latin who is within call - hurry! (2,5)
 - Coach or coaches (5)
 - Moved - like a centipede? (7)
 - Crush in court? (6)
 - Greek orator needs them so badly! (11)
 - Was she victim of shattered hope and rising trouble? (7)
 - Greek hero, oddly sly in habits (7)
 - Bill returns a telephone call, showing concern (6)
 - Transport left in plant (6)
 - The route of extravagance (5)
 - Changes are OK in the country (5)

Solutions Crossword 3905: Across: 1 Refined, 5 Pique, 8 Forget oneself, 9 Trial, 10 Satanic, 11 Honest, 12 Drifts, 15 Sits out, 17 Views, 19 Admission free, 20 Eases, 21 Gussed. Down: 1 Refit, 2 Foreign stamps, 3 Needles, 4 Drowsy, 5 Pleat, 6 Queen of hearts, 7 Effects, 11 Hostage, 13 Revenge, 14 String, 16 Oasis, 18 Spend.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

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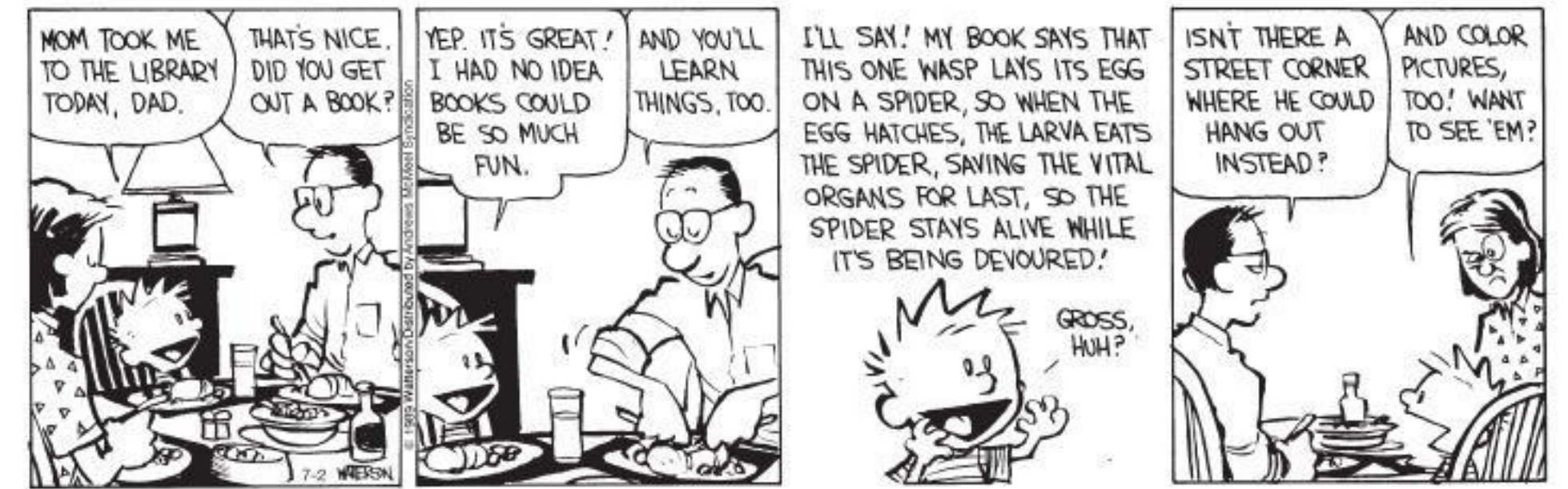
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Answer: There's no **night** without **stars** - Andre Norton
SOLUTION: RAINY COSTS, UNTREE, DINGHY

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



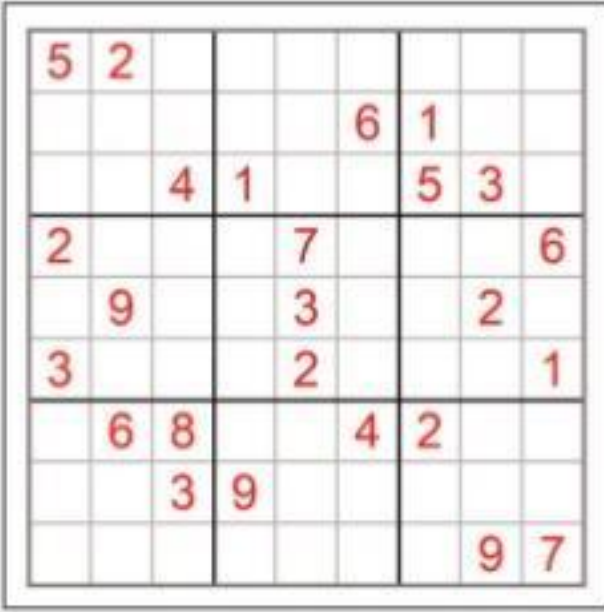
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 3965

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 3964



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
You won't be the only person to be affected by pride today, but you may have the most cause. Yet rather than being smug or complacent, focus on your own real achievements and do what you can to help others. The time will come when you'll be rewarded for your generosity.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Unexpected developments are about to enter the domestic and private pattern of your life. There is every indication that these will represent a considerable improvement over current conditions. That has to be good news, especially in view of everything that you've been through recently.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Any discussions with family members, or news about emotional ties, are bound to be pleasant. At the best you will experience a sense of hope and personal liberation. If you wish, you may abandon the lack of confidence which has so often held you back.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
All your instincts and hunches may tell you that this is the time to splash out, and they could well be right! If you feel a generous impulse coming on, you may give it free rein and count the cost tomorrow. But if partners are likely to disagree, you'd better get them on your side first.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You're still in control, even if the flag of emotional revolt does happen to be raised very soon. If you are faced with anger at home, don't confront it. Gently deflect bad feeling in the manner of an oriental sage, and so disarm your opponent with goodwill.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Sometimes you're willing to face big personal challenges head on. A bone of contention may relate to a home or family matter, but if I were you I'd leave well alone today. If you do want to get your own way, and which of us doesn't, hold your horses until tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
You are now in an ideal position to take the initiative socially. Even at work you will be able to galvanise other people, although it looks as if you should leave them to figure out the details. I should think it will be good for them to take a little responsibility for their own actions.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You're reaching a minor turning point in your material affairs. At this stage, you must either complete a financial deal or think about writing off a small sum of money for good. The fact is that pursuing such issues may not be worth your valuable time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
The world is about to see you at your best, and I mean the whole world. If you have any aspirations at all to set off on a tour of distant parts, there is no time like the present. At the very least you should get in touch with relations in far away places.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
You often experience emotional insecurities and conflicts. The last thing you should do is to revive old battles, especially over pointless issues like who pays for, or owns, what. A generous gesture would be a far better alternative, and could win you a friend for life.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
If you are to achieve the kind of acceptance you have always craved, you must make a bid now. The close relationship between the Moon, Jupiter and a series of other planets indicates that, if you give them the chance, other people will at last be ready to listen and help.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You seem to be in danger of overplaying your hand at work. Although you're in a fortunate position, you should now reinforce your current gains and allow other people a chance to shine. In love, do be sure to let others know how you are feeling.

NOTICE BOARD CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



EVENT — AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR KRIBHCO TOWNSHIP LADIES

KRIBHCO in collaboration with 'PRERNA' Ladies Club has organised a Safety & Health Awareness Program for Ladies of KRIBHCO Township on September 3, 2019 at KRIBHCO Officers' Club Auditorium. M. R. Sharma, Operations Director inaugurated the function wherein senior officials of Technical Department, Fire & Safety and H.R. Department were present. Officials of Fire & Safety explained about safety measures for prevention of LNG/CNG leakage, Kitchen Safety, Ammonia Safety and Dr. Payoj Tewari of KRIBHCO Hospital briefed about Health awareness and first aid treatment. Safety quiz also arranged to create awareness amongst township residents and winners were awarded prizes by Manju Sharma, President of Prerna Ladies Club, KRIBHCO. Ladies actively participated in this program. To create awareness amongst village people KRIBHCO conducts Health & Ammonia Safety programs in nearby villages also.



BANKING — PRIME CO OPERAIVE BANK LTD

Prime Co Operative Bank Ltd. organised two in-house programme. One on new guidelines on KYC and another programme on Cyber Security. The Bank is on its expansion mode by taking over two branches of Baroda Traders Co. Op. Bank based at Baroda. Merger proposal is under the processing stage at RBI, Mumbai.



EVENT — NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Annual ninth convention of Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) organised in Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU) at Gandhinagar on September 4, 2019. The FIPI convention emphasised the theme 'how digitalisation can help in improving efficiency, safety and environment protection in the oil and gas sector'. The hottest topic of today's era is information and technology. Environmental pollution is also a concern, and we know petroleum industry creates a lot of it. So it is time, that the utilisation of oil and gas is done in environment friendly and efficient manner. Development of electric vehicles is on its peak, but its battery constitutes of Lithium which is economically expensive and health risky. New technologies in the field of automation are being developed which would reduce the pollution caused by the automobiles to a negligible range. The list of Universities presented their research and approach on the pre decided theme are – Dr. R.K. Vij the director of School of Petroleum Technology (SPT) PDPU given welcome address and highlighted the special features of FIPI. Dr C Gopalkrishnan, Director General, PDPU, Debasis Basu, Executive Director, Asset Manager, Ahmedabad Asset, ONGC, O. N. Gyani, Head of IRS, ONGC, N. K. Bansal, Director, FIPI, Dr. Subhash Shah, Shell Total Chair Professor, PDPU were guest of honour and given an address to university students. Dr. R. K. Malhotra, Director General, FIPI was the chief guest.



CSR INITIATIVE — STATE BANK OF INDIA, AHMEDABAD

Under CSR activity, State Bank of India, Ahmedabad Circle donated Rs. 5.00 lakhs to ASHRAY SOCIAL WELFARE FOUNDATION, a Non Govt. Organisation, Ahmedbad on September 5, 2019. On this occasion Dukhbandhu Rath, Chief General Manager State Bank of India, Ahmedabad Circle presented cheque in the presence of R. K. Agrawal, GM Network-I, P. S. Bedekar, GM Network II and Madhukar Anand, GM Network III. The foundation is actively involved in upliftment of ladies and adolescent girls from villages and educating them on personal Hygiene and vocational training to make them self reliant. The CEO Shachi Johri of the organisation and her team were present at LHO for the function. The event was also celebrated with the teachers from the foundation to mark Teachers day.



BANKING — INDIAN BANK—ALLAHABAD BANK MERGER CREATES PAN-INDIA ENTITY

Indian Bank has the metrics to be the anchor bank in its merger with Allahabad Bank, and the amalgamated entity would truly be a pan-India one. Industry analysts had indicated that of all mergers, the amalgamation of Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank would be challenging as Indian Bank was trading at a lower valuation and had lower market capitalisation, despite better performance than Allahabad Bank. The biggest shareholder in Indian bank is the government of India, which has 80 per cent stake. According to CEO, Padmaja Chunduru, Indian Bank will retain its USP and gather more strength and scale in the next three to four years.



RESULT — POWERGRID DECLARES DIVIDEND OF Rs. 4357.92 CRORES

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID), the Navratna PSU, declared final dividend of Rs. 1307.90 crores in addition to Rs. 3050.02 Crores of interim dividend for the Financial Year 2018-19 i.e. aggregating to Rs. 4357.92 Crores. POWERGRID registered a net profit of Rs. 9938.55 Crores over a total income of Rs. 35618.07 Crores in the FY 2018-19, a growth of 20.55 per cent in net profit and 15.77 per cent in total income compared to FY 2017-18 on standalone basis.



CELEBRATION — BANK OF INDIA CELEBRATES 114TH FOUNDATION DAY

On the occasion of Bank's 114th Foundation day, Bank of India organised a Walk in morning to commit to reach "US \$5 trillion" Economy & Supported Fit India Movement where 200 enthusiastic staff participated and also arranged a Gujarat Comedy Play "Gol Papdi" as a part of its gala celebration at Dinesh Hall for its staff and valued customers. On this occasion NBBG - GM Arun Kumar Jain took opportunity to inform the Bank's journey from 1906 to the young commandos. As a part of celebration 254 rural Branches were also tagged for sponsorship of 1262 Girl child under "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign. BOI has shown good growth in past quarters despite amidst several challenges.



EVENT — PLACEMENT SESSION

Vishakha Bhatt, Data Researcher, S & P Global Market Intelligence, in her Interactive Session with MBA Sem III Finance specialisation students at S.K. Patel Institute of Management & Computer Studies, Gandhinagar has advised students to be having knowledge of fundamentals of Balance sheet and Profit & Loss Account, for cracking interviews for job profiles in company. She addressed queries of different students related to different job profiles available for the Finance specialisation students with their details. Session was arranged by Placement Team with Dr. Sonu Gupta and Prof. Krupa Mehta as coordinators.



EVENT — UNION BANK OF INDIA'S GO GREEN CAMPAIGN

Union Bank of India has launched the 'Go Green Initiative' which will continue till March 31, 2020, and has targeted to plant 111119 saplings during this campaign, and jointly planted by offices and branches of the bank across the country. During this entire period, the bank will plant trees in 4 phases. Ahmedabad region has also participated in this campaign under the leadership of Lukman Ali Khan, Deputy Zonal Head and Rajesh Kumar - Regional Head, Regional office. Various employees namely A.D. Singh - Chief Manager, Pravin Shelar - Chief Manager, Durgalal Meena - Chief Manager, H. N. Meena - Chief Manager, Sushil - Senior Manager, Raghvendra Khandelwal - Senior Manager, Sidharth Malik - Senior Manager, Vaibhav Maheshwari - Senior Manager, Niraj Tanwar - Manager, Sandip Mishra - P.A. to D.G.M., Ranjan Kumar Mishra - Branch head (Ashram Road), Amit Kumar - Branch head ULP, Pankaj Agarwal - Branch Head (Vastrapur) had planted saplings in various areas.



ACHIEVEMENT — GOLD CERTIFICATION AT VADODARA RAILWAY STATION

Vadodara Railway Station has successfully achieved the standards as required for the level of certification and certified as GOLD and DRM Office Vadodara has successfully achieved the standards as required for the level of certification and certified as SILVER under IGBC Green rating system by M/s Deming certification services Pvt Ltd DEMING.



CELEBRATION — NRTI CELEBRATES FOUNDATION DAY

National Rail and Transportation Institute (Deemed to be University), Vadodara celebrated its First Foundation Day on September 5, 2019 at Sardar Patel Sabhagrih N.A.I.R. Pradeep Kumar, Director General, NAIIR, Vadodara was the Chief Guest of the function. Alka Arora Misra, Vice Chancellor – NRTI & Executive Director (Trg. &MPP), Railway Board, Devendra Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Vadodara and faculty members from NRTI& NAIIR also attended the function. Presently 200 plus students of last year and current year batches are pursuing their undergraduate program in B.Sc Transportation Technology and BBA Transportation Management in the Institute. The summer internship presentation and cultural program were performed by students of NRTI.



BANKING — BANK OF INDIA'S 114TH FOUNDATION DAY

Bank of India's Vadodara zone celebrated the bank's 114th Foundation Day and as a part of a philanthropic activity under corporate social responsibility, Bank distributed various utility items at the Spandana – Special School for the Mentally Handicapped. This was done under the dynamic and vibrant leadership of Zonal Manager Rajnish Bhardwaj. The zone also made significant contribution in Social Security Schemes like PMSBY, PMJUBY and APY. Vadodara zone has sanctioned and disbursed agricultural loans worth 2 crores on the eve of Foundation Day.

23 TALK

ART, MUSIC, STYLE, FOOD

SNAP SHOTS



The Other Side

ACCLAIMED AMERICAN director Gus Van Sant (pictured), of the 1997 film *Good Will Hunting* fame, is holding his first solo exhibition of paintings in New York this month. The Los Angeles-based artist, in his show titled 'Gus Van Sant: Recent Paintings, Hollywood Boulevard', features watercolours on stretched linen, where nude male figures lie surrounded by the city's architectural dwellings and automobiles, which he has made his home since the '70s. Sant, who got his BFA degree from the Rhode Island School of Design, has earlier exhibited as part of group exhibitions at the Musee de l'Elysee in Lausanne, Switzerland, Le Case d'Arte in Milan, Italy, and the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art in the US.



Alternate Space

INDIAN COMPOSER and singer Nakash Aziz, known for delivering hit songs like *Slow motion* and *Second hand jawani*, is making his foray into the independent music space with his band Final Call. The band chose to recreate Lucky Ali's popular song *Ek pal ka jeena* as their first song. Aziz helms the band as the lead singer, with Rahul Tiwari on the keyboard, Prakash Sunar on the bass, Vinit Arora on the drums, Jayesh Kathak on the percussion and Omkar Dhumal with woodwinds. The name of the band derives from the final call announcement of flights at airports.



Beyond Borders

FILMMAKER ZOYA Akhtar's captivating tale of a rapper who raps about his life, struggles and dreams in *Gully Boy* will now release in Japan this October. Excited at the prospect of the film travelling to Japan, the film's lead actor Ranveer Singh said that this marks a proud moment for all those who helped film the rap revolution in the country in *Gully Boy*. Singh said, "I have never been to Japan but only learnt, heard and seen the most wonderful things about the land of the rising sun. I hope to go there someday." Having premiered at the 69th Berlin Film Festival, the film (also starring Alia Bhatt) was honoured with the Best Film award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne this year.



(Above) A scene from the play; director Sharmistha Saha

A Love-Hate Story

Based on incidents of caste violence, the play *Romeo Ravidas and Juliet Devi* throws light on the fissures of society

DIPANITA NATH

SHARMISTHA SAHA was going through the newspaper in March, when she came across a report about a Dalit man, Pradip Kalubhai Rathod, who was killed for riding a horse. The incident took place in Timbi, a village in Gujarat. "Even in the context of mob lynching becoming almost normalised in our country, I found it bizarre that a man could die for riding a horse. In what way is this even logical? I began to search online for other such incidents. What I found was that, throughout India, it is common practice to bar Dalits from owning horses, wearing sunglasses or keeping a moustache," she says.

The deeper she probed, the more reports of atrocities emerged until Saha, who has studied theatre at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, and Freie University, Berlin, decided to make a play on the subject of caste discrimination. The production, *Romeo Ravidas and Juliet Devi*, opened in Mumbai in March and was performed in Pune recently. It is set to travel to Delhi in September before shows in Bangalore.

The play begins with a young man called Romeo Ravidas being chased by the upper caste of his village Dumari, Bihar. He moves through the chase in the style of Ajay Devgn in a film. Later, he says, "*Hum chhote se gaon mein paley bade hain* (I was born and raised in a small village). I have a mare and, when I ride it through the village, I look like Devgn from *Dilwale*." He calls the horse, Juliet. A surreal journey brings Romeo close to Kaushalya, an activist, who tells him that, in college, she used to be known as Juliet.

"*Hum sheher mein paley bade hain* (I was born and raised in a city)," she adds. "There was a boy in our college, *seedha saadha, sharmila, thoda alag*. When he proposed to me the second time, I said yes," she says. That boy has got lost. He was killed by her father. Kaushalya visits her dreams every night but cannot find him.



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THEATRE DIRECTOR

The play plunges into the internal conflict of both characters. Romeo wants a peaceful life but is aware that the Dalit fight is raging. Kaushalya is wrapping her head around the dynamics of Dalit politics and how it affects not only the lower caste but the upper castes, such as her, as well.

Romeo Ravidas and Juliet Devi joins a number of major plays that have dwelt on caste in recent years, such as *Chandala, impure* by Koumarane Valvane and Deepan Sivaraman's *Khasakkite Ithasam*. In Saha's play, Romeo is a reference to Rathod while Kaushalya is a tribute to Kaushalya Shankar, an upper-caste girl from Tamil

Nadu who married a Dalit man. In broad daylight in 2016, the couple was brutally attacked by goons allegedly sent by her family. Kaushalya lived but her husband was killed on the spot.

The title of the play that recalls William Shakespeare's classic, *Romeo and Juliet*, is Saha's off-handed salute to the media that highlights Dalit issues only when there is an inter-caste romance, marriage or death. "I feel that newspapers do not cover caste issues enough. I have studied in Delhi all my life and have lived in north India but did not know that Dalit men are not allowed to ride a horse during their *baraat*," says Saha.

For the play, she researched online, dug through newspaper archives and read autobiographies such as *Joothan* by Omprakash Valmiki. A significant portion of the play is based on the lived experiences of people she sought out, such as her students at IIT Bombay, where Saha teaches performance studies. One of the students, Shubham Sumit, is from Buxar in Bihar and has written the script with Saha.

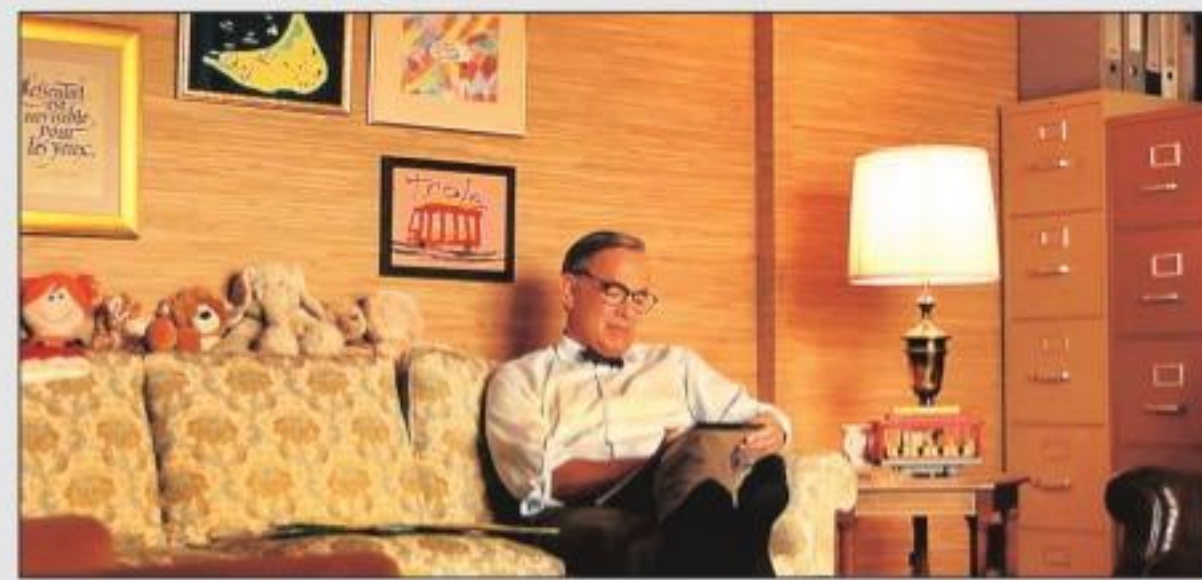
The play is a fictionalised account of real incidents, including one in which a Dalit man is attacked for watching films on CDs borrowed from a lending shop. The grimness that emerges in the dialogue-driven production is complemented by movements inspired by Eugenio Barba, an Italian theatre director who Saha assisted during her stint at Odin Teatret in Denmark. "I choreographed the play as a dance piece rather than blocking it like a play," she says.

Romeo Ravidas and Juliet Devi follow other works on gender by Saha. Her *Letters* (2015) is based on a short story by Rabindranath Tagore called *Stree'r Patro*, in which Mrinal, the central protagonist, decides to leave her husband. *Bundelkhand ki Virgin Machhliya* (2017) is adapted from the book, *Virgin Fish of Babughat*, written by Lokenath Bhattacharya, and revolves around an actor-director, who lives in a sinister detention camp that dehumanises its inmates.



PEN TO PAPER

Paul McCartney, the iconic Beatles singer and songwriter, turns into a children's book author with *The Grandude*. The book's title has been inspired from the Beatles' famous song *Hey Jude*, as it follows the adventures of grandfather Grandude and his grandchildren.



Stills from (top) *A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood* and *Hustlers*

Tell-Tale Signs

Two standout Hollywood premieres on Day 4 talk about the devastation and possible restoration of the human spirit



EXPRESS AT TIFF 2019

SHUBHRA GUPTA

THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL Film Festival's (TIFF) vast and varied international slate includes a number of superb films from Berlin, Cannes, Venice and Telluride. But what TIFF pulls off with its Hollywood premieres is what makes it so special: here's where many successful Oscar journeys begin. In some other festivals, I wouldn't bother with the hand-somely-mounted studio films, but here, I'm not missing any if I can help it.

And Day 4 begins with a satisfying double bill: Marielle Heller's *A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood* and Lorene Scafaria's *Hustlers*. The first gives us Tom Hanks playing the beloved American children's TV legend, Fred Rogers. Armed with that trademark V-necked red sweater and slow-paced diction, Hanks is such a perfect fit for the part that you'd think he was born to play this. But then, that's Hanks, who does best with characters who have no guile and tell us that life is still worth living if we allow ourselves to let our guards down, and to love.

Heller's last year's *Can You Ever Forgive Me* had Melissa McCarthy in a standout role as a deeply unsympathetic literary thief. Rogers, on the other hand, is a character everyone loves, because he touches us in warm, empathetic ways.

A film like this can turn into an unbearably soppy four-hankies tale. But it is to Heller's credit that she keeps the sentimentality in check even though I confess to wet eyes in a few places. And it is to Hanks' credit that he plays Rogers with a twinkle-eyed gentleness which is all his own. It is not, which it so easily could have been, *Forrest Gump* redux.

It's tough to upstage Hanks at any given time. But this movie is as much his as it is Mathew Rhys', in the role of a journalist who becomes a friend after starting out as a morose interlocutor. The character is semi-true because there was a journalist who wrote a profile of Rogers for *Esquire*, and in the process,

found his better self, even though he may not have achieved that state in precisely this manner.

The film is, in effect, more a study of a rocky father-son relationship in which the latter is getting-past-daddy-issues, than a bio pic of Rogers: just as the younger man sandpapers off his mistrust of Rogers because that's what his determined cheer and sheer goodness demands, he sloughs off the anger and venom he harbours for his own father (Chris Cooper in an excellent turn).

Hustlers is as bawdy, lusty and in-your-face as *A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood* is quiet, decorous and tasteful, even though both reveal the devastation of the spirit when humanity leaves the room. Constance Wu, who is now a *bona fide* face after the smash-hit *Crazy Rich Asians*, plays a stripper at a club, where she is shown the ropes by the assured, if-you've-got-it-flaunt-it attitude -exuding Ramona, gloriously played by Jennifer Lopez.

Ramona takes the young woman under her wing, and soon under her expert guidance (a sequence in which JLo shows Wu the moves around the pole leaves you slack-jawed in admiration), the two women and a couple of their co-conspirators pull off a scam worthy of those they are scamming: they choose the Wall Street sharks busy skimming off the top, as their targets. The ladies make oodles of cash. So does their club. And everyone's happy.

And then comes the stockmarket crash of 2008, and suddenly all the manna dries up. We are right inside the world of strippers — down to their G-strings and lap dances, and burnished, gleaming skin — but not once does it feel voyeuristic. The camera is never suggestive. We are shown, right up front, how hard-scrabble the lives of these women are, as they put on their own faces to go back to lives led as mothers, granddaughters, pet-owners. We see them, really see them, as they celebrate Christmas, cut cakes, hug their loved ones. Who do we blame? These women, the straight-up scamsters, or the men who are willing to buy their time and more on money made by insider trading?

The star-turns from Hanks and JLo are a sure bet in the upcoming awards season. And on the sidelines, the star-sighting continues: Hanks tells us that playing Rogers has made him 'a better listener'. And leaves us with a bumper-quote sticker to live life by: 'if it is mentionable, it is manageable'.

In Search of a Voice

A conclave on modern heritage in architecture sought to explore its relevance and value systems

SHINY VARGHESE

AUTHOR AND political thinker Ashis Nandy in a recent talk in New Delhi said: "We have lost the right to our future. Only from robust scepticism, mutual criticism and cross criticism can we have a variety of futures to opt for." If one were to look back at the Frame Conclave 2019, which was held recently in Goa, the ambition of varied futures for the architectural profession that is currently fire-fighting on different fronts, it is a tall order. With 11 films, 26 speakers and 650 delegates, the conference was a response to "definitions of modern, modernity, and modernism" in the light of architecture and design in India.

The biennial conclave on contemporary

architecture at National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, was curated by Matter and organised in partnership with H&R Johnson (India) and Takshila Educational Society. Themed on Modern Heritage, the conference provoked issues about pedagogy and practice of architecture in India.

Be it the threat to modern buildings from Hall of Nations in Delhi to Kala Academy in Goa, to stories of nation building through the projects of Habib Rahman, Achyut Kanvinde and Mahendra Raj. "One of the agendas of the conclave was to instigate a shared sense of responsibility within the architecture and design fraternity towards a trusteeship of these buildings and to build consensus on their significance to the history of India," says Raturaj Parikh of Studio Matter.

Narratives around Gandhi and his version



Speakers during Frame Conclave 2019, which was held recently in Goa

of architecture as experiment and experience also made its way into discussions. Ahmedabad-based architect Riyaz Tayyibji, drawing parallels between Gandhi and Le Corbusier, says: "For Gandhi, a building is part of a larger 'spiritual' endeavour, it is an experiment in physically giving form to his ideas of the 'ashram', a place of collective experimentation on the self. I would say that



his buildings were made in a way that the behaviour precedes the physical in creating the sense of space, while Corbusier looked at the physical affecting the behaviour."

The handicap of the conference also was its biggest strength — architects speaking to architects: "It comes from a shared kinship based on professional experience and architectural education. The conference had one

too many talks on fathers and their sons speaking about their work, which is in some way an ancestral worship in an anthropological sense. But one question emerging from it was — who gets to think about architecture and how is it taught? In the absence of written architectural history, there is a need to archive and have empirical debates so that we find a way to synthesise the profession

and ideas around architecture," says art historian and critic Annapurna Garimella.

Bangalore-based architect Prem Chandavarkar, who gave the keynote address at the conclave, spoke of looking within to "touch the essential core of our humanness". "This lack of reflection reduces modern architecture to a visual spectacle, rather than the ethical project of freedom it initially set out to be. And since modernity was won by a rebellion against the strictures of tradition, now that modern buildings have been around for a long time, we lack a framework for absorbing them into our heritage," he says.

While architects such as Gaurav S, Chair of DoCoMoMo India, felt "We need to bring communities and people in the conversation and ensure that modern buildings are not merely objects or artefacts but that people's lives, their lived history and memories are integrated with them," architect-filmmaker Rohan Shivkumar questioned, "Is this a sign of our current impotency, or a rallying call for us to rediscover value systems through which we can participate in the processes of imagining a better spatial environment for us to live in?"



I am playing tennis because I love to play tennis. Tennis is more than Grand Slams. I play to be happy. Of course, the victory of today makes me super happy.”

RAFAEL NADAL,
ON THE 'MOST MAJORS' RACE

It's 20 19

With 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 win in US Open final, Nadal signs off 2019 with only one major title separating him from Federer's record of 20 Grand Slams

DAVID WALDSTEIN
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 9

MOMENTS AFTER winning one of the most grueling tennis matches of his life, Rafael Nadal sat in his chair, a few tears streaming down his face while the large video screen showed highlights of his remarkable career.

When the camera shifted to a live shot of Nadal watching the tribute, the fans in Arthur Ashe Stadium roared and Nadal dropped his head into his hands. The trickle of tears turned into weeping.

Exhausted, overjoyed and relieved, the second-seeded Nadal needed every bit of his fighter's spirit to overcome No. 5 Daniil Medvedev, 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4, in four hours and 50 minutes to win the United States Open for the fourth time and capture his 19th Grand Slam title in utterly gripping fashion.

On the final point, a service return by Medvedev that sailed long, Nadal collapsed on his back, lay spread eagle for several moments and screamed into the night air.

Marc Stein has covered Jordan. He's covered Kobe. And LeBron vs. the Warriors. Go behind the N.B.A.'s curtain with basketball's foremost expert.

One might think that winning so many major titles would become routine. But Nadal, 33, had to work as hard as he ever has, thanks to Medvedev's courageous comeback from being down two sets to none to force a fifth set. Afterward Nadal called it one of the most emotional moments of his career.

It was also one of the most compelling U.S. Open men's finals in recent years.

"The last three hours of the match were very, very intense, both mentally and physically," Nadal said. "At the end, with the video and the crowd, it was amazing. All these facts made the moment super special."

The 19 titles moved Nadal to within one of Roger Federer's men's record for major singles championships, and raised the specter that he could catch his 38-year-old rival as soon as next year.

For many years there was doubt about Nadal's ability to draw even with Federer, especially because he seemed injury prone. But durability has been a recent ally of Nadal's, and with his inexorable grip on the French Open, that doubt has been replaced by a whiff of inevitability.

In addition to his four U.S. Opens, Nadal has won 12 French Opens, two Wimbledon and one Australian Open. He is five years younger than Federer. Novak Djokovic is not out of the picture, either. He has 16 major titles, and at 32 is the youngest of the group.

When Djokovic is of sound body and mind, he is close to unbeatable. He showed that by winning four of the previous five majors, but he had to pull out of the U.S. Open in the fourth round because of a shoulder injury.

It is not unreasonable to project that, in the years to come, the order of the Big Three in the record books could be reversed. Nadal's win also extended the Big Three's streak of consecutive Grand Slam titles to 12, dating back to Stan Wawrinka's win at the 2016 U.S. Open.

"Well, we are getting old," Nadal said with a smile, and added, "That competition, if that attracts fans and creates interest for people, that's good for our sport, no? I feel honored to be part of this battle."

A promising future

Medvedev, a 23-year-old Russian playing his first Grand Slam final, came ever so close



Rafael Nadal reacts after defeating Daniil Medvedev of Russia in the men's final of the US Open at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York on Sunday. Ben Solomon/The New York Times

to barging his way into the champions club. His pulsating effort Sunday transformed him, perhaps forever, from tournament villain to noble loser with a promising future.

During Medvedev's third-round match against Feliciano López, he was booed after he angrily snatched a towel from a ball person and then was shown on the court video screen gesturing with his middle finger. After that match, he taunted the ornery crowd by telling them its boos motivated him to win.

Medvedev, who had never reached even the fourth round of a major tournament until last week, was the best player on tour during the summer hardcourt season, reaching four straight finals and going 20-3.

Medvedev is a frustrating opponent who capitalizes on unpredictability with a variety of shots, mixing speeds, spins and drop shots along with a hard, flat backhand. But when he was down two sets and a service break in the third Sunday, the tactical thought foremost on his mind was how would he handle his postmatch loser's interview.

"I was thinking, 'O.K., in 20 minutes I have to give a speech. What do I say?'" Medvedev recalled.

Playing with newfound abandon, he discovered a different gear, turning a potential

route into a battle of attrition. He broke back against the surprised Nadal and then held for 4-3. Nadal had two break points at 4-4, but Medvedev fought them off, the highlight a 28-shot rally that took both players to and fro until Nadal hit a forehand into the net.

That elicited cheers from the fans, who chanted Medvedev's name just a week after his brief villainous turn, and he rode the momentum almost until the very end of the match, which required 341 total points.

"I managed to give huge fight to one of the best players in the history of our sport," he said. "Have to give myself credit."

With Nadal serving at 5-6 in the third set, Medvedev won the first three points, including a sizzling forehand down the line at 0-15 that signaled his new aggressive intent and caused the crowd to erupt. Then, at 15-40, he charged in to hit a backhand winner and take the set.

In the fourth set, Medvedev started to serve-and-volley more to shorten rallies, but the set proceeded on serve until the 10th game. With Nadal serving at 4-5, Medvedev sealed the 52-minute set with a return winner, snapping a backhand down the line past an approaching Nadal.

Medvedev had chances to pull ahead

early in the fifth set, earning three break points in Nadal's first service game, all of which Nadal saved by summoning his experience and strength. But he admitted he was worried about the outcome.

"I was in trouble," Nadal said. "But I really tried to avoid this thought."

Nadal broke Medvedev's for 3-2 and then went up 5-2, but the drama was not over. Nadal was called for a time violation and double-faulted on break point, giving Medvedev one last chance. Medvedev saved two match points and held for 4-5, and the match was on Nadal's racket again.

Nadal faced down a break point, and then at deuce he carved out a nervy forehand slice drop shot to give him his third match point. He fired a 124-mile-per-hour serve that Medvedev returned long, and Nadal fell on his back for 12 long seconds.

All that was left was a well-earned handshake, a standing ovation for two worthy competitors, and some tears.

"This trophy means everything to me," Nadal said. "Personal satisfaction, the way that I resisted all these tough moments, is very high. I normally try to hold the emotions, but for all these facts, it was impossible today."

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Medvedev: Villain to hero

New York: Daniil Medvedev once revelled in his role as the villain of Flushing Meadows but on Sunday the Russian completed his transformation to unlikely hero after taking Rafa Nadal the distance in a pulsating US Open final. Despite losing to the Spaniard in a five-set thriller, Medvedev's performance suggests more Grand Slam finals are in his future and that he could be a genuine challenger to the 'Big Three' — Nadal, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.

The 23-year-old Russian, who had got on the wrong side of fans at Flushing Meadows with a string of on-court antics, arrived at his maiden Grand Slam final to a chorus of boos. However, he gradually won over the Arthur Ashe Stadium crowd as the match wore on, showing heart and skill in abundance.

"I know earlier in the tournament I said something in kind of a bad way and now I'm saying it in a good way: That it's because of your energy that I'm in the final," said Medvedev. "You guys were pushing me to prolong this match because you want to see more tennis and because of you guys I was fighting like hell."

Medvedev became the player fans loved



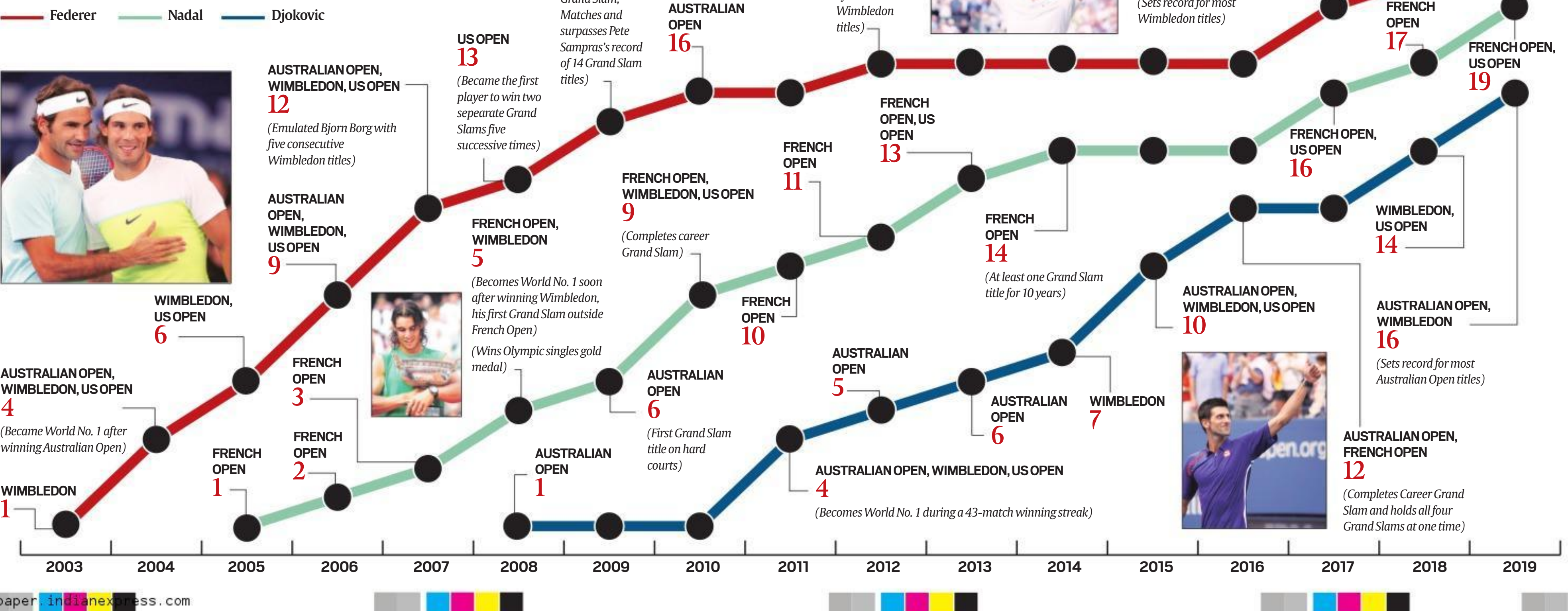
Medvedev showed fight and skill in abundance in his five-set loss to Nadal.

to hate when he angrily snatched a towel from a ballperson in his third round match and showed the crowd his middle finger. He then sarcastically thanked the crowd after the match, saying, "the energy you're giving me right now, guys, I think it will be enough for my next five matches."

However, a contrite Medvedev later said he regretted his behaviour and apologised for the animosity, telling the crowd after his quarter-final victory over Stan Wawrinka that "what I've done is not good". REUTERS

US reopens G.O.A.T debate

At 19 Slam titles, Nadal, who is 33 years old, has never been this close to Federer, who's 38. Meanwhile, the 32-year-old Djokovic (16 titles) too is hot on their heels.



Malinga, Mathews among 10 Lankan players opt out of Pakistan tour

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ABOUT A fortnight after the Indian tennis team refused to travel to Pakistan for their Asia/Oceania Group I Davis Cup tie citing security concerns, 10 frontline Sri Lankan cricketers have decided not to go to Pakistan for the forthcoming limited-overs series.

Lasith Malinga, Angelo Mathews, Dimuth Karunaratne, Dinesh Chandimal, Thisara Perera, Suranga Lakmal, Niroshan Dickwella, Kusal Perera, Dhananjaya de Silva and Akila Dananjaya have pulled out of the limited-overs tour, putting a serious question mark over international cricket's unhindered return to Pakistan and also upsetting the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) plans to host the World Test Championship matches at home rather than in UAE.

When contacted by *The Indian Express*,

PCB chairman Ehsan Mani refused to comment on the development. "We are in touch with the Sri Lankan board, but basically I cannot say anything at the moment," he told this paper.

Although, the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) was satisfied with the security arrangements for the tour, it has decided to respect the players' wishes. Following a meeting with the players on Monday, an SLC release confirmed that the cricketers won't face any disciplinary action. Nor will their decision to pull out jeopardise their selection for future series. Notably, both Karunaratne and Malinga, Sri Lanka's ODI and T20 skippers respectively, have refused to travel to Pakistan.

"Former Sri Lanka Air Force Commander, Marshal Air Roshan Goonetilleke, who is the Chief Security Advisor of the SLC, briefed the players about the security situation in Pakistan and the security arrangements PCB plans on implementing during Sri Lanka



The SLC board said it won't take any disciplinary action against its players.

As of now, Sri Lanka are scheduled to play three ODIs against Pakistan in Karachi on September 27, 29 and October 2, and three T20Is in Lahore on October 5, 7 and 9.

team's tour of that country, whilst Chairman of the National Selection Panel Mr. Asantha De Mel, explained about the selection policy for future tours," the SLC release stated, adding: "He (De Mel) said, players will be given the freedom to decide on either taking part or not in the forthcoming Pakistan tour.

The SLC mentioned that following the meeting with the players, the national selectors have picked the ODI and T20I squads that will be sent for Sri Lankan Sports Minister

Harin Fernando's approval.

Meanwhile, the BBC Sinhala Service has quoted the Sri Lankan Sports Minister as saying: "I have been told by some of the players that they cannot participate after their families raised concerns."

As of now, Sri Lanka are scheduled to play three ODIs against Pakistan in Karachi on September 27, 29 and October 2, and three T20 internationals in Lahore on October 5, 7 and 9. However, it would be interesting to see if the PCB is willing to host a weakened Sri Lankan side, as it might have negative commercial implications. At the same time, the cancellation of the series could even have diplomatic implications.

With regards to Test cricket's return to Pakistan, this is apparently a big setback for the PCB. Pakistan are scheduled to host Sri Lanka for the World Test Championship matches in December. The PCB wanted to use the forthcoming limited-overs series to make

a statement; that Pakistan is a safe place to play international cricket. The latest development could seriously upset the apple cart.

The Sri Lankan team had been at the receiving end of the March 3, 2009 Lahore attack, an incident that took international cricket away from Pakistan. But Sri Lanka, led by Thisara Perera, had travelled to Pakistan in 2017 to play a one-off T20 international. This time though, the senior allrounder, too, has opted out.

It is learnt that during its discussion with the Sri Lankan board, the PCB will stress on how it stood by Sri Lankan cricket after this year's Easter attacks on the island nation by sending the Pakistan U-19 team there to play five one-dayers. And while reaffirming the top-level security arrangements, the PCB will also request its Sri Lankan counterpart to persuade the unwilling cricketers to have a rethink. Hectic parleys between the two cricket boards are expected in the next few days.

BRIEFLY

Gill, Thakur put India A in command

YOUNG SHUBMAN Gill was back in form with an unbeaten 66 after bowlers set the platform, dismissing the visiting side for 164 on the first day of the 'Unofficial' Test here on Monday. Gill, who has been an opener for Punjab in the longer format, played out Lungi Ngidi's (1/18 in 6 overs) first spell as he faced 108 balls, hitting nine fours and a six as India A were in command reaching 129 for 2 at stumps. With India looking out for an opener who can replace an out-of-form KL Rahul, a big innings from Gill, will put him in contention alongside Abhimanyu Easwaran and Priyank Panchal. The youngster had two steady partnerships -- 48 for the opening wicket with Ruturaj Gaikwad (30) and 56 for the second wicket with Ricky Bhui (26).

India off and running at Track Asia Cup

India made a bumper start to its Track Asia Cup campaign winning 12 medals, including four gold, in a complete show of dominance here on Monday. It was the world-class junior team which stood up to the expectations and captured the gold in men's junior team sprint event. The women's junior and elite teams also shone and returned with two gold medals. Ronaldo Laitonjam stole the show for India as the junior world champion won two gold medals in one day. He first helped junior men's team to win the gold in sprint event and then returned to finish the day with the yellow metal in the 1 KM time trial event at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

Mukhi cleared to play after serving ban

The All Indian Football Federation (AIFF) Disciplinary Committee on Monday cleared Indian forward Gourav Mukhi for fresh registration after he completed a six-month suspension for discrepancy in his registered age. Confirming this, AIFF Disciplinary Committee chairman Usha Nath Banerjee told PTI: "He had applied for fresh registration after complying with the six-month ban providing correct birth certificate. After verification, the committee cleared him for fresh registration today. He's now eligible to play." The Jharkhand player was announced as youngest ever goal-scorer (16-year-old) in the Indian Super League history after he scored in Jamshedpur FC's 2-2 draw with Bengaluru FC last season.

PTI

Afghans storm Bangla citadel

Newcomers beat hosts and weather to clinch landmark victory, their second in three games since getting Test status



Rashid Khan took six for 49 in the second innings to finish with 11 wickets in the match to go with his knock of 51 with the bat in the first innings. Twitter: @ACBofficials

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RASHID KHAN picked up six second innings wickets to lead Afghanistan to a famous 224-run win over Bangladesh in the maiden test match between the two sides at Chattogram on Monday.

Racing against time to complete a win with less than four overs left in the weather-hit match, the longest-format rookies bundled out the hosts for 173 in their second innings amid a drizzle and fading light. The 20-year-old Rashid, who became the youngest test captain ever during the one-off match, took six for 49 in the second innings to finish with 11 wickets in the match to go with his knock of 51 with the bat in the first innings.

Rashid was adjudged the player of the match, which he dedicated to fellow spinner and former captain Mohammad Nabi who retired from tests but will continue to play white-ball cricket. Playing only their third test match after being inducted as a test-playing nation two years back, it was the second victory for the strife-torn country.

"We are new in this format, total credit goes to the coaching staff and the players

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for this victory," Rashid said at the presentation ceremony. "We had the best preparation for this game. The only thing (I said) from my side was enjoy your bowling and enjoy your batting, that's what matters in test cricket. Everyone applied themselves, it was a total team effort."

Rahmat Shah's 102 - the first century in the format by an Afghanistan batsman - and a 92 from Asghar Afghan allowed the touring side to post 342 in the first innings.

Rashid and Nabi, who took 3-56 in the first innings, then combined to skittle Bangladesh for 205 for a handy first innings lead. Afghanistan then made 260 in their second innings to set Bangladesh a steep target to chase on a spinning track.

Once Afghanistan reduced Bangladesh to

NUMBER GAME

1 Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan is the first player to score a half-century and take 11 wickets on his debut as a captain.

1 Bangladesh became the first team to lose a Test against 10 different nations.

Number of matches to register their second Test win:

Australia	3
Afghanistan	3
England	4
Pakistan	9
West Indies	12
South Africa	13
Sri Lanka	20
India	30
Zimbabwe	31
New Zealand	55
Bangladesh	60

136-6 in the second innings, the fate of the match was almost decided but for the intervention of bad weather.

Heavy showers allowed little play through the final day leaving Afghanistan with about 18.3 overs in the final session to take the remaining four wickets and force a result. Rashid took three out of those with just 3.2 overs remaining.

It was a disappointing result for Bangladesh, who made their debut in the format way back in 2000. "It's combination of both, (lack of) application of our batsmen and Afghanistan also bowled really well," skipper and batting mainstay Shakib Al Hasan said. "All credit goes to Afghanistan but at the same time we also have to do a lot of work hard. After playing for 20 years, we cannot say it's a build-up process. We need to forget this match as soon as possible and focus on the T20 series."

BRIEF SCORES: Afghanistan first innings 342 all out (Rahmat Shah 102, Asghar Afghan 92, Rashid Khan 51; Taijul Islam 4-116) and 260 all out (Ibrahim Zadran 87, Asghar Afgan 50; Shakib Al Hasan 3-58) vs Bangladesh first innings 205 (Mominul Haque 52; Rashid Khan 5-55, Mohammad Nabi 3-56) and 173 in 61.2 overs (Rashid Khan 6-49, Zahir Khan 3-59).

Muzumdar, who scored most of his 11,000 first-class runs on slow and low tracks in India, gave him the "crease confidence" when facing quality spinners.

Men face minnows Russia, women US test

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ONE WILL face a team that finished fifth at the Rio Olympics, and fourth at the 2014 World Cup. The other will be up against the lowest-ranked side in the draw that was included in it barely 24 hours before it took place.

The Indian women and men's hockey teams were, on Monday, handed contrasting paths to the Tokyo Games. While the women were pitted against a tricky USA, a side ranked just two places below them, the men will play minnows Russia in their quest to seal an Olympics berth. The teams will face off in a winner-takes-all two-match series in Bhubaneswar in early November. The matches will be played in India because, as per the rules, the qualifiers are to be held at the home of the higher-ranked team.

Both Indian teams find themselves in the qualifying draw after they failed to win the Asian Games gold medal last year, which would have secured a direct Olympic berth. While the men's team could manage just a bronze in Jakarta, the women reached their first final in 20 years but lost to 2020 Games hosts Japan to settle for silver.

Russia, ranked 22 in the world, were not just the lowest-ranked team in the draw held in Lausanne, but were also last-minute entrants. It was only after Egypt withdrew from



India beat Russia 10-0 the last time they met in the Olympic qualifiers in June.

the qualifiers on Sunday that Russia were included since they were the next highest-ranked team. The lopsided nature of this context can be gauged from the fact that when the two teams met last, in the first round of Olympics qualifiers in June, India spanked Russia 10-0. Graham Reid's team faced the possibility of being drawn against Pakistan as they were also in the same half; with Austria being the third side. India were among the top three seeded countries along with the Netherlands

and Germany, and were up against the three lowest-placed sides. Pakistan, who failed to qualify for the Rio Olympics and looked certain to miss out again next year due to financial troubles, will have to take on the mighty Dutch for a place at the Games.

While the path looks straightforward for the men's team, the women's team will have to dig deep to make a second consecutive appearance at the Olympics. The Rani Rampal-led side ended a 36-year wait in 2016 to return

to the Olympic fold but finished last in the 12-team event. They'd met USA in a round robin match, which they lost 3-0. USA eventually lost to Germany in the quarterfinals.

Since then, both teams have sort of undergone a reversal of fortunes. The USA have hit a lean patch, reinforced by their failure to win the Pan-American Championship after claiming gold in the last two editions. Their poor form in the continental tournament, where they eventually settled for bronze, meant they could not book a direct Olympic berth and were forced to go through the tricky business of qualifiers.

Their opponents and hosts India, meanwhile, have shown considerable progress since the Olympics. Coached by Dutchman Sjoerd Marjine, the women have been in the top 10 of the world after spending several years in wilderness. They have also become a dominant force in Asia, where they've consistently given China, Japan and South Korea a run for their money. Marjine, in his two stints as coach, has made visible improvements in the team's strength and fitness, which was apparent in last year's World Cup where India narrowly missed out on a semifinal berth.

This match will be a battle of equals and will be the pick of the women's matches along with China vs Belgium. In the men's draw, the matches between Spain and France, who created a stir at the World Cup, and Great Britain and Malaysia will be keenly contested.

Chhetri doubtful for Cup qualifier against Qatar

ENS/PTI
DOHA, SEPTEMBER 9

A HEART-BREAKING loss in the campaign-opener has dented their chances of moving ahead and the Indian football team faces another uphill task when it takes on Asian champions Qatar in the second World Cup qualifier on Tuesday.

To make matters tougher for India, captain Sunil Chhetri is unlikely to be part of the playing 11 on Tuesday due to fever. He has not practiced with the team in the last two days and a final call will be taken by the team management on matchday. India let in two goals in the last eight minutes after taking an early lead to lose their opening match against Oman on September 5 in Guwahati.

Ranked 62nd in the world, Qatar will start Tuesday's Group E match against 103-ranked India as overwhelming favourites. They will look to claim their second consecutive win after crushing Afghanistan 6-0 in their opening match on September 5 here.

The World Cup hosts have improved by leaps and bounds in the last few years. They won the Asian Cup in the UAE earlier this year and they gave good competition to the top South American sides in the recent Copa

America where they took part on invitation.

India have also shown improvement in recent times as was seen during the Asian Cup in January where they gave scares to the likes of the UAE and Bahrain and missed qualifying for the knock-out round by a whisker. Historically, Qatar have been the dominant side, having won three out of four official matches played against India. One match ended in a draw. The last time the two sides played an official match was in September 2007 in the World Cup qualifiers where Qatar had thrashed India 6-0.

India defeated Qatar 2-1 in Doha in 2011 in a friendly but that match was not considered an official game as India made more substitutions than the rules allowed.

In the match against Oman in Guwahati on September 5, India clearly dominated the first half with a 1-0 lead only to concede goals in the 82nd and 90th minute to suffer a heart-breaking loss. Captain Sunil Chhetri, who scored the lone Indian goal against Oman in the 24th minute, conceded that Tuesday's match will be the most difficult of the campaign. "We are, however, looking forward to it...there will be a fight, no matter who we play. We have to make sure we don't repeat the small mistakes that cost us three points (against Oman)," the 35-year-old talisman said.

Hima in relay squad, with a caveat

400m champion's participation at Worlds is subject to recovery from back injury



A decision on Hima's participation will be taken based on the feedback from sports medicine experts monitoring her. *File*

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 9

HIMA DAS, the World Under-20 400m champion, has been pencilled in the women and mixed 4x400m squad for the World Championships yet her participation hinges on her recovery from the long-standing back injury and how it would affect her timings in the team events. The injury has troubled the 19-year-old since last year's Asian Games and will be monitored right till the eve of the relay events at the Doha World Championships starting later this month.

A decision on Hima running the relays will be taken based on the feedback from sports medicine experts monitoring her, Athletics Federation of India (AFI) president Adille Sumariwalla told *The Indian Express* on Monday.

"At this point, we're trying to figure out (how her back is). We have a sports medicine expert with her (at the foreign camp) and will take a final call on her later. Of course, she continues to have the back issue. That is why coach Galina (Bukharina) made her run these smaller events to access how her back was. It is ok when she is running at a slower pace, the problem is when she is running at a faster pace. We need to see if she can take the strain of a fast run because this is the world championships and not a small championship in the Czech Republic or Poland," Sumariwalla said.

At the Asian Athletics Championships in Doha in April, Hima didn't finish the 400m heats because the back flared up when she was on track and the AFI doesn't want to take a risk in a team event at the World Championships.

Between July 2 and July 20, Hima won four gold medals in the 200m and one in 400m at lower-level races in Europe. In mid-August, at Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic, she won gold in the 300 metres. The 400 metres world under-20 cham-

pion, however, failed to meet the qualifying standard in her favourite event. To qualify Hima needed to clock 51.80 seconds, but the back injury seems to have put paid to her plans as her season's best stands at 52.09, down from her personal best and national record - 50.79.

"She has been running in the 52s (seconds) and see what happened in Doha, we don't want her sitting down at 200 metres. Her back is now being monitored. Closer to the World Championships, a call will be taken if she will be fielded in the relay team," Sumariwalla added. In all, 14 athletes have been picked for the men, women and mixed relay squads for the 4x400m relay.

Neeraj unlikely to go

The selection committee also deliberated on the status of another star athlete, javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games champion, who had undergone an elbow surgery in May.

During the qualifying window, which began on September 7 last year, Chopra had registered a distance of 83.90 metres at the All India Inter-Services Athletics Championships in Jalahalli and had met the qualifying standard. However, at the selection committee meeting on Monday, it was decided not to risk fielding Chopra as he had just started throwing in late August.

"In Chopra's case, the conclusion was that at this point we would like to preserve him for the Olympic Games and make sure that he completely recovers. He has just started throwing so we will talk to his doctors, but from the initial reports we have, the consensus is that it's too early for him to throw. At this point, it is unlikely he will go. The whole selection committee felt that he should recover fully, strengthen himself and target the Olympic Games," the AFI president said.

Trials for Anjali

Haryana athlete Anjali Devi will have to undergo confirmatory trials on September

21 at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala before she is selected for the World Championships.

The AFI follows a policy of holding confirmatory trials for athletes who have qualified for international events but have not been part of national camps. Anjali, who has made the cut in the 400m, won't be included in the relay squads, Sumariwalla confirmed. Little-known Anjali had qualified for the World Championships in September last year at the Open National in Bhubaneswar.

She was part of the foreign camp at Antalya in Turkey but when her timings plateaued and then dipped, she was sent back to Patiala, where another batch of 400m athletes were based.

However, she stayed away from the national camp for five months but returned to competition at the inter-state championships in August and met the qualifying standards again. Anjali is not the first 400m runner to have qualified for an international event after staying away from the camp. Nirmala Sheroan, a 2017 Asian Championship gold medallist, was absent from the camp for 10 months leading up to last year's Asian Games. She met the qualifying standard for the Jakarta Asiad, where she finished fourth. She was not picked for the 4x400m relay squad. In November last year, Nirmala failed a dope test.

THE SQUAD:

Men: Jabir MP (400m Hurdles), Jinson Johnson (1500m), Avinash Sable (3000m Steeplechase), KT Irfan and Devender Singh (20km Race Walk), Gopi T (Marathon), Sreeshankar M (Long Jump), Tajinder Pal Singh Toor (Shot Put), Shivpal Singh (Javelin Throw), Muhammed Anas, Nirmal Noah Tom, Alex Antony, Amoj Jacob, KS Jeevan, Dharun Ayyasamy and Harsh Kumar (4x400m Men's & Mixed Relay).

Women: PU Chitra (1500m), Annu Rani (Javelin Throw), Hima Das, Vismaya VK, Poovamma MR, Jisna Mathew, Revathi V, Subha Venkatsan, Vithya R (4x400m Women & Mixed Relay).

Jorginho edges Italy closer to Euro 2020 with Finland win

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
TAMPERE (FINLAND), SEPTEMBER 9

JORGINHO FIRED Italy to within touching distance of Euro 2020 with a spot-kick winner that beat nearest rivals Finland 2-1 on Sunday and maintained his side's perfect qualifying record. Chelsea midfielder Jorginho's 79th-minute penalty in Tampere made it six wins from six for Roberto Mancini's side and sent them six points clear of the second-placed Finns in Group J, after in-form Norwich City striker Teemu Pukki had levelled Ciro Immobile's

headed opener with a penalty of his own six minutes before.

With two teams qualifying from the group, four-time world champions Italy are flying high with a maximum 18 points with four qualifying games to play, nine points ahead of third-placed Armenia despite their thrilling 4-2 win over Bosnia and Herzegovina earlier on Sunday.

They could now secure qualification for the tournament, which kicks off in Rome next June, against Greece or Liechtenstein - who surprisingly drew in Athens - next month.

"The match against Greece could be the one that secures qualification and we hope the

Stadio Olimpico will be as full as during the 1990 World Cup when we were young," said Italy coach Roberto Mancini.

Former Italy international Mancini took over last year after the Azzurri's failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

"There was a bit of suffering, but we dominated the game," he added. "The lads did very well overall, although we had a few scares when it was 1-1." "But there were so many things that I liked, dominating away from home every time is very positive and even the substitutes did very well, having more players to choose I think is fundamental.

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Hamilton would have hit Leclerc in Monza had title not been in play

REUTERS
MONZA, SEPTEMBER 9

FORMULA ONE leader Lewis Hamilton said he would have been far tougher with Ferrari's Italian Grand Prix winner Charles Leclerc on Sunday had the Mercedes driver not been fighting for his sixth world championship.

"I wouldn't have moved. We would have collided," the Briton said of an incident where he was squeezed off track and forced to cut a corner by the 21-year-old Monegasque in an aggressive defensive move. Hamilton ended the day 63 points clear of his closest rival and Finnish team mate Valtteri Bottas, who finished second, with seven of 21 races remaining.

Leclerc won Ferrari's home race from pole position, with Hamilton putting him under plenty of pressure until his Mercedes's tyres had no life left in them. Hamilton ended up third, but with a precious extra point for fastest lap. Leclerc, who has won the last two races, is fourth overall but 102 points behind the Briton and only mathematically in title contention against a rival who has finished all but two races this season on the podium.

"There is absolutely zero issue with us, I think he did an

exceptional job today," Hamilton told reporters after the race when asked about the incident.

"If we get a moment together we might chat for a second and just reverse roles and make sure he's cool with it if I'm in that position and that happens."

"If that's cool, then that's how we are racing," Hamilton said he respected Leclerc but he was still discovering more about how the youngster, in only his second season and first with Ferrari, behaved on track.

"Charles is one of the most respectful drivers," he added. "This is today the first time I've really come wheel to wheel with him as such and when you arrive at a new driver you learn how they approach different scenarios."

"Maybe I'll position the car differently next time, maybe I'll do a better job."

Bottas, who pitted later and had fresher tyres than Hamilton at the end, moved into second place after Hamilton went straight at the chicane. The Briton said he would have let the Finn go past otherwise.

"I knew that he was much, much quicker and had a shot to potentially win the race," he said. "I think that's the most important point for the team.

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Dwarka, N. Sec-9 Metro Station 7838193193, 434 77 777	Moti Nagar Crossing 8448293658, 418 77 777	Shalimar Place, Outer Ring Road, N. Rohini 9599788514 400 11 111	94-95 Patparganj, Industrial Area 9810916666, 9810907071	Ring Road, Opp. Moolchand Hospital, Lapal Nagar-IV 9599788513, 465 77 777	Mathura Road, N. Delhi 7290095001, 9870191014 66763666	G-1 Station Box, Chattarpur Metro Station 9870191014 66763666	14/7, Main Mathura Road, Faridabad 8800333636, 8800790052 0129-4293636
ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT	ESPIRIT
D-37 & 38, Surajpur Site-4, Kasna, Gr. Noida 7290095001, 9654999635 1800 103 5686	H3, Sec-63, Noida 9810916666, 9871637000	D-11, Sec-8, Noida 7290095001, 9654999635 1800 103 5686	39 Milestone, Delhi-Jaipur Highway, NH-8 9810907071, 9810916666	Sector-50, Gurugram 9971690070, 8527565522, 0124-4415566	MGF Mega City Mall, M.G. Road, Gurugram 9910067020, 981689964, 8527723355	A-11, Meenut Road, Ind. Area, Ghaziabad 9871637000, 9810907071	

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